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BEWARE ISRAEL

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LOOK OUT FOR ISRAEL!

THAT's the warning to Frank Arok's Socceroos from Liverpool star Craig Johnston, the one man in Australia who knows most about the Israeli national team.

Australia and Israel meet in World Cup elimination rounds on October 8 and October 20, 1985. Johnston warns that the Israelis are running hot to beat the Socceroos.

With Liverpool, Johnston has played against Israel twice and recently watched them dispose of Santos of Brazil.

"The Israelis are right up there at world level and there is a tremendous desire within the country for the team to do well," Johnston warns.

"Australia will have to be very well prepared if they are to stand a chance."

"Liverpool played them a year ago and they beat us 4-3 with a guy called Benny Tapa scoring all four goals."

"That was end-of-season for us and we were winding down, but when we met them this year it was a slightly different story."

It was a warm-up game for

BY NEIL JAMESON

the European Cup Final with Roma and players were competing for first-team selection and Liverpool triumphed 4-1.

"Again, Israel's superior skill suggested they were going to walk all over us," recalls Johnston. "It

wasn't until we got tough and started to run off the ball that we managed to take control."

Johnston says the Israelis are prepared to let the ball do the work.

"There is no shortage of skill. To get an indication — they took on Santos for skill and beat

the Brazilians at their own game!"

The Liverpool midfielder star describes the Israeli style as "beach football" based on the ability to beat the man.

"They killed us for the first 20 minutes and it took a few great saves from Bruce Grobelaar to keep us in the game."

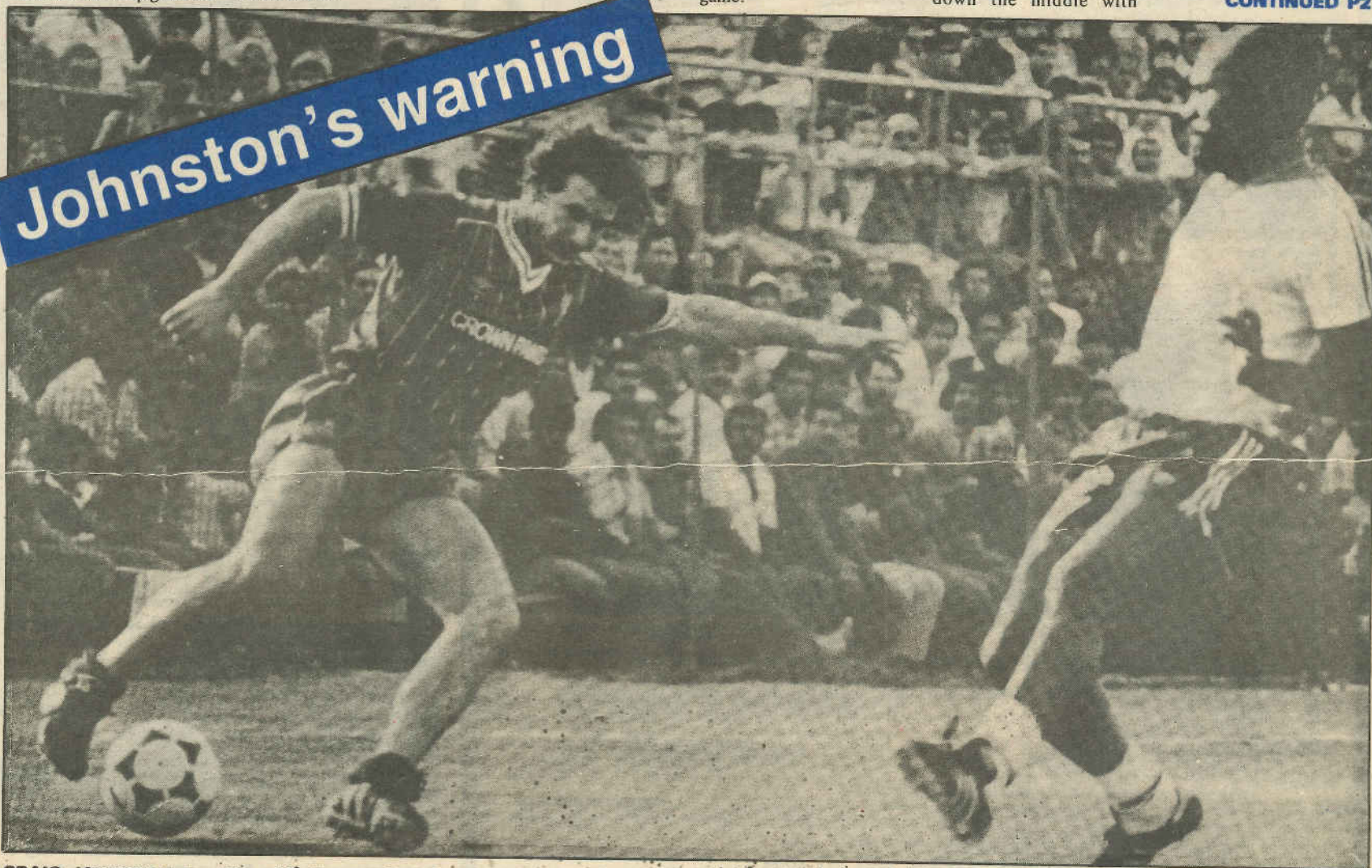
"Then we introduced the tactics Australia will have to adopt if they are to stand a chance. We shut them down quickly, hounded and harassed and generally stopped them playing: their game fell away."

According to Johnston, Israel's strength lies right down the middle with

former Liverpool defender Avi Cohen playing sweeper, Moshe Sinai controlling midfield and Uri Mamillian, the country's most prized player, starring up front.

"Manchester United are very interested in signing Sinai who plays for the Apol Tel Aviv club,"

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CRAIG JOHNSTON in action for Liverpool against Israel — with Riffat Turk, the Arab, closing in.



Shoulder's Plans: P3

EDITORIAL

IT used to be a joke, albeit a sick joke, that the only time Soccer could be guaranteed big coverage in the Australian media was with a riot!

Newspapers, which constantly shun Soccer, have been known to elevate the sport to major prominence — even to the front page — after a good old punch-up involving spectators.

It happened again, sad to report, last week.

During the West Adelaide - Adelaide City National League match at Hindmarsh Stadium some undisciplined idiots came over the fence to attack players and match officials.

Play was held up twice. And the

publicity these sickening incidents inspired was something Soccer could do without.

In the other codes of football, even the rough, tough, and at times vicious Rugby League, spectators don't climb the fence to attack referees or players — or if they do, it is a most rare occurrence.

Why then is Soccer, the greatest game of all, bedevilled by the hooligan hordes among its followers?

It surely has something to do with the European origin of most Soccer fans.

Spectators who follow Rugby League are essentially Australian. So, too, are those who watch Australian Rules and Rugby Union.

But the vast majority of Soccer fans have an ethnic background. Many have brought the bad habits of "the

old country" to Australia. It is something which cannot be avoided.

Europeans have enhanced the Australian scene with their culture, their food and drink, their willingness to work hard and long for a fair wage and their various other contributions to the welfare of a young, developing nation.

That is the good. The bad was imported with the good.

Attempts have been made over the years to discipline unruly Soccer spectators but these have not succeeded.

St George, always one of Australia's more enlightened clubs, decided some months ago that the only way to keep thugs off the playing area was to fence them in.

This has been done at the St George Stadium.

As Saints president Alex Pongrass said at the time, the wire fences were

NOT an expensive undertaking. The outlay by the club will be repaid a hundredfold if it means the end of pitch invasions at the ground.

Spectators are fenced in at football grounds all over the world these days — because such regrettable restrictions are regarded as essential.

If they are essential in Argentina, Austria and Angola, they are just as necessary in Australia.

Some time ago in an editorial in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, we suggested other clubs should follow the lead shown by St George. Judging by the events in Adelaide last week, the time is overdue for this to happen.

And it might be a good idea to put Hindmarsh Stadium at the top of the list for the fencing treatment.

WEMBLEY WIN FOR EVERTON

THE favourites, Liverpool, were surprisingly beaten by Merseyside rivals Everton at Wembley Stadium in the Charity Shield contest between England's League champions and the F.A.Cup winners.

In a rather dull match, only one goal was scored — and that was a freak effort which was debited to Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar as an "own

goal."

Graeme Sharp had a shot at goal which Grobbelaar could only push out. Sharp shot again and the ball hit Mark Lawrenson's leg and was then deflected off the goalkeeper's boot into the net for the 55th minute winning goal.

Expensive new signing Paul Walsh was brought on by Liverpool as substitute for Sammy Lee but made little impression.

Already it seems Liverpool could have a mid-field problem, with Graeme Souness in Italy and Craig Johnston in Australia!

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URI MAMILLIAN

said Johnston. "In fact, Ron Atkinson was in Tel Aviv talking to him a few weeks ago."

Johnston was greatly impressed by 20-year-old full-back Eli Ochanna who was Israel's Player of the Year last season.

"He's a brilliant player and typifies the brand of beach football they play. If you give them an inch and they beat you, it does wonders for their confidence and the crowd gets behind them."

"But if you can dominate early, they have a tendency to drop their

heads. They don't like running off the ball and they are not at their best when it gets a bit physical."

Mamillian, the striker from the Beta Jerusalem club, is a real danger-man, warns Johnston. He has superb close skills and is rated highly outside Israel, as indicated by his recent selection in a World XI.

"There's also midfielder Riffat Turk who is an Arab and is one of their better players."

Israel's reliance on skill was apparent when a side comprising national team players thrice played Liverpool in five-a-side indoor games.

"They murdered us," says Johnston.

The Aussie star's impression of Israel is a national team that has been together for some

time, has done well against top-level opposition and is very much aware of the approaching World Cup campaign.

"They met the Republic of Ireland and destroyed them. Ronnie Whelan and Michael Robinson said they were powerless to do anything about it — the skill factor was so good."

So how will Australia go?

"It's in our favour that the Socceroos won't try to match them for skill. You can't afford to play them on their strengths."

Craig's advice is to do the job efficiently, close people down, give the simple pass and run off the ball.

"But it's very hot there and you have to be well prepared to sustain that sort of effort in the heat."

The Israeli coach is Joe Rossalle, a man Johnston describes as a deep

thinker with a passion to convert the national drive into World Cup success.

Task

Under Rossalle, Craig thinks Israel could have a two-goal advantage on their home turf unless the Aussies are aware of the magnitude of the task.

What would Craig Johnston advise Frank Arok to tell his boys about Israel?

"Do it early on. Don't let them get their confidence going. If things aren't going well, it's not in their nature to get really tough in order to restore the situation. That's where the Aussies could have an advantage."

Craig has access to a video of Liverpool v Israel and he will make it available to Arok and ASF to help the Aussie cause.

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HEED HOCKEY MESSAGE

BY BRAD EARL

THE surprise failure of the Australian men's Hockey team at the Los Angeles Olympics carries a warning for Soccer.

The national Hockey team went to L.A. as favourites for the gold medal — but finished up in fourth place.

And Jimmy Shoulder wants the Australian Soccer public to heed

that warning before the national Youth team takes the field for the World Youth Championship qualifying round in February next year.

Shoulder, the national Youth coach, held

a three-day camp for Sydney hopefuls at the Parklea Soccer headquarters last week.

Australia will play five matches at home against Israel, New Zealand, Taiwan, Fiji and Papua-New Guinea — with the winner of the

tournament qualifying for the WYC Finals in Chile.

"It's been said that if we beat Israel, we'll be off to Chile," Shoulder said during a break in training.

"But New Zealand will be hard to beat, and I predict Taiwan will be difficult opponents as well."

Microscope

Shoulder, who is also the Soccer director at the Australian Institute of Sport, has six important months ahead of him.

He has held training camps in Melbourne and Sydney. This week seven more players from throughout Australia join the Institute squad in Canberra for their turn under the Shoulder microscope.

In October, the embryonic Youth squad will contest the Merlion Cup for full national sides in Singapore.

Shoulder said 10 to 12 Youth players are likely to make the trip, bolstered by fringe senior team players.

"In the next couple of weeks I'll be sitting down with Frank Arok to determine the make-up of the squad," Shoulder said.

It is worth remembering that in 1981 the



FRANK AROK

Youth squad contested World Cup ties after New Zealand qualified for the Finals.

Success

That move proved successful, as the Australian team reached the quarter-finals of the WYC that year.

The 1985 Youth team will also contest the Havelange Tournament in Mexico in January as a final preparation for the qualifying series.

The former national team coach is looking forward to the challenge of the next six months.

But he is cautious.

"I think a few people have got us past the post already," Shoulder concluded.

"The last thing I want is for people to expect the team to go through just as they expected the men's Hockey team to win in L.A."

MARCONI MEN

MISS THE

BIG MATCH

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI will be without captain Tony Henderson and left-back Joe Rizzotto for the big clash next Sunday at the Marconi Stadium against Sydney Olympic.

Henderson is serving his second week of suspension, while Rizzotto is still troubled with knee ligament problems.

Berti Mariani and John Spanos will fill the respective spots.

Mark Jankovics also is in doubt with an injury, and he missed last Sunday's 1-1 draw with Penrith City.

Peter Sharne will play up front again with Rene Licata, and if Jankovics misses this match, David Lowe will partner Tommy McCulloch and Craig Mason in the middle.

In the first round, these two powerful NSL clubs played a 2-2 draw at Pratten Park.

Olympic, after three consecutive victories, are running hot and Marconi will have their hands full.

Les Scheinflug, Marconi's coach, stated: "Olympic are on the crest of a wave and will give us a hard match. But I'm sure my boys will raise their game against them."

Paul Carter, Marconi's talented right-back, said: "I'll probably have the task of marking Olympic's Peter Katholos."

"I'm looking forward to playing against their international stars."

Marconi this season have grabbed 44 goals, two more than Olympic, but have conceded 28, six more than Olympic.

The Sydney Olympic defence projects solidarity, with everything emanating from former English First Division player, Mike Coady, who is all class in his work.

Somehow, I feel this match will produce many goals, as it is stacked with top marksmen of the calibre of Kalantzis, Sharne, Soper, McCulloch, Koussas, Lowe, Raskopoulos, Licata, Katholos and Patikas.



Youth Socceroo coach Jimmy Shoulder shows two youngsters the skills of the game at the University of New England Soccer Camp.

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DAVID SKEEN (white shirt) in a recent National League game against Leichhardt. Right-back Skeen is pictured fending off the challenge of Leichhardt attacker Tony Morsello.

INJURIES DENT SKEEN'S HOPES

1984 will long be remembered by St George defender David Skeen.

Not for his onfield performances but the setbacks which have plagued his ambitions of wearing the green and gold of Australia.

David was in great form at the start of the season — particularly in his attacking element of play.

Disappointingly for him as well as St George, a motor cycle accident forced him out for two and a half months.

It was a cruel blow for him as the World Soccer Series was not far away and he was a certainty for a position in the Australian squad.

He did not show any signs of disappointment — such is his character. Instead, he

fought his way through this period and made a successful comeback.

Two weeks ago he was playing without the plaster on his hand. Most other players would have taken an extra two or three weeks off but not David.

And now just as he was getting back to his best

he strained a ligament in his knee. It was not surprising to see David play against Newcastle.

St George desperately need him in the first XI.

All in all, the first eight months of this year would rather be forgotten where David Skeen is concerned.

ROBBIE SLATER
Writes
for ASW

SOCCER HAS LOST ITS SUPERSTARS

WHERE have our superstars gone?

This year, players and supporters of the round ball code ask where are the star players who consistently stand out week after week?

Sure, there are players who have dazzled the spectators on a number of occasions this year but none has maintained this level of form.

During a season there are usually about six or seven players who stand head and shoulders above the rest and always grab the headlines.

In last year's National Soccer League, a fine array of players come to mind.

Sydney City were brilliantly led by Soccerero striker John Kosmina and midfielder Joe Watson. Leichhardt striker John Bradley always figured prominently — and has done so to a lesser extent this year.

Newcastle were charged by the dazzling performances of David Lowe, while in Victoria South Melbourne's Doug Brown shone.

At St George, David Ratcliffe and the skilful striker Dez Marton lead us to perfection. Injuries have limited Marton's appearances this year.

Sydney Olympic, who bristle with talented individuals, had striker Marshall Soper in the spotlight.

This season no-one has really grabbed the headlines each week unless something controversial has happened.

Could this also be a factor involved in the poor crowds we have had at many games this year?



ABOVE: JOHN BRADLEY, who has figured prominently for Leichhardt.



RIGHT: JOE WATSON, along with John Kosmina a brilliant leader of Sydney City.

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WHO GOES UP? NOBODY KNOWS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

WHO will be promoted to the National League from the NSW State League this year?

It is a problem the NSW Soccer Federation will have to sort out before the last round of the State League competition.

Usually, if two teams finish with the same points the team with the greater goal difference is promoted but this year it looks like being a different story.

NSW secretary Auden Brown added further fuel to the fire.

"If two teams are on equal points there will be a play-off," he said.

"This is assuming that it is accepted by the National Soccer League."

When ASW contacted NSL manager Stefan Kamasz, he responded in a different fashion.

"Whoever is to be promoted to the NSL next year has nothing to do with the NSL."

"We have to accept what the NSW Federation determines," Kamasz said.

Kamasz hastened to mention that whichever team is selected for promotion must meet the

NSL's stringent requirements.

"The top team will be promoted provided it meets the criteria set down by the NSL," he said.

"If the first team doesn't want promotion, the team that finishes second will be approached."

"If the second team doesn't seek inclusion into the NSL, no club will be relegated and no side will be promoted for next year's competition."

Promotion hinges on one game in the last round in the competition — Rockdale v Manly.

If Manly defeat Yugal this weekend and then Rockdale the following week they will finish the competition with 33 points but if Monaro defeat Avala in the last round they will finish equal with Manly on 33 points.

Whatever happens the confusion over the subject of promotion must be resolved before the last round of the NSW State League competition.



AULDEN BROWN



OGDEN ON WAY BACK

QUEENSLAND State team and Brisbane Lions midfielder John Ogden has made a remarkable recovery from a double hernia operation.

Ogden had the operation five weeks ago and doctors predicted the skilful midfielder would not play again this season.

But Ogden surprised club officials when he turned up at training last week and began light training with minimal pain.



Ogden, 24, has been spurred back into action by personal dream.

Despite his youth, he is only two games short of his 100th NSL match after debuting in 1977 under former Lions coach Les Scheinflug.

With rumours abounding that the Queensland sides may be axed from the National League next year, Ogden is very keen to get his "ton" while he can.

Two other Lions players who had major surgery this season, former Canberra striker Phil Redmond, and former Melbourne player David Cork, also have resumed training and are outside chances of being fit for the final few rounds of the League.

— GREG RUSSELL

ALSTON'S GROUND HASSLES

BY PHIL MURPHY

THERE could be doubt over Adrian Alston's future as coach of Wollongong City.

Alston said he may not be with the club next season unless they have a permanent ground.

Alston said the present situation in Wollongong is ridiculous.

Wollongong have no permanent home ground but play home games (when they get one) at Wollongong Showground.

They have also played games at Towradgi Park and Ziems Park in the last two years.

The players also train in spartan conditions at Balgownie where the lights are simply not up to standard.

"You can't ask players to deliver the goods on the field weekends after training in such conditions," Alston said.

"I find it amazing that a city this size can't come up with a reasonable ground with good lighting for a National League team to train on."

Alston said he can see no real future in the



ADRIAN ALSTON

current set-up and some drastic action must be taken to give the team a fighting chance.

"I don't fancy having to go through another season like this; everyone involved with the team works hard but we have too big a handicap," he said.

"Surely the people who want Soccer to continue at a national level in the city will get together and help us next season."

Alston hasn't signed with the club for 1985 but will be having talks with the board about his future in the next few weeks.

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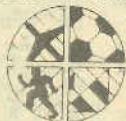
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WOMENS — The New Caledonia South Pacific Cup now in its 3rd year has been widened to take place in Fiji in 1985 then back to New Caledonia in 1986. The event now called "THE SOUTH PACIFIC WOMENS SOCCER CHALLENGE" takes place in Fiji in October. Club, Association or Invitational teams can enter and in 1985 the event is expected to feature teams from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, New Caledonia and possibly America. Held during the same week as the mens event it will both be a serious tournament as well as an end of season holiday and as such is open to all standards of teams. A comprehensive package with a number of meals is now available.

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BLACKTOWN	21	7	6	8	30	36	20	4	5	2	21	17	13		3	1	6	9	19	7	
SYD CROATIA	21	6	8	7	26	33	20	2	3	4	10	16	7		4	5	3	16	17	13	
PENRITH	21	6	8	7	23	31	20	4	3	3	13	16	11		2	5	4	10	15	9	
NEWCASTLE	21	8	2	11	27	44	18	6	1	3	16	14	13		2	1	8	11	30	5	
ST GEORGE	21	5	7	9	28	33	17	3	5	3	16	14	11		2	2	6	12	19	6	
CANBERRA	21	7	1	13	31	33	15	4	0	6	15	12	8		3	1	7	16	21	7	
W'GONG	21	4	4	13	15	44	12	3	1	6	9	18	7		1	3	7	6	26	5	

RESULTS

• WEST ADELAIDE 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Markovic, Cumming, Biskic, Campbell) at Hindmarsh Stadium. CROWD: 900.

• FOOTSCRAY 3 (Carroll 2, Lujic) CANBERRA 1 (Bryant) at Schintler Reserve. CROWD: 1,000.

• HEIDELBERG 0 GREEN GULLY 0 Heidelberg. CROWD: 4,000.

• SUNSHINE 1 (Toal) STH MELBOURNE 2 (Brown 2) at Chaplin Reserve. CROWD: 1,500.

• BRUNSWICK 1 (Cullen) ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Olympic Park. CROWD: 1,250.

• BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Junna) PRESTON 0 at Richlands. CROWD: 800.

• BLACKTOWN 2 (Larkin, Sandy) SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Savor 2) at Toongabbie. CROWD: 2,214.

• PARRA-MELITA 0 WOLLONGONG 1 (A Bundalo) at Melita Stadium. CROWD: 735.

• SYDNEY CITY 1 (Kosmina) LEICHHARDT 2 (Bozanic 2) at Sydney Athletic Field. CROWD: 1,599.

• SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Koussas 2, Soper, Kalantzis) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Pratten Park. CROWD: 1,855.

• MARCONI 1 (Brown) PENRITH 1 (Jackson) at Marconi Stadium. CROWD: 999.

• CANBERRA 0 FOOTSCRAY 1 (Lujic) at Bruce Stadium. CROWD: 720.

• NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 3 (Brandt, Milosevic, Senkalski) ST GEORGE 1 (Polias) at Adamstown Oval. CROWD: 1,204.

TOP SCORERS

- 17 — Kosmina (SC)
- 14 — D. Brown (SM)
- 10 — Bradley (L)
- Lowe (M)
- Arnold (S. Cr)
- 9 — Cairney (BL)
- Lewis (GG)
- Patterson (H)
- Winn (H)
- R. Brown (M)
- Katholos (SO)
- Konstandopoulos (WA)
- Patikas (SO)
- 8 — Farina (CA)
- McCulloch (M)
- Brandt (NR)
- 7 — Sweeney (BJ)
- Jankovics (M)
- Marton (SG)
- Fletcher (SC)
- Egan (SM)
- Jackson (PC)



OLYMPIC ALL CLASS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC cruised easily to a 4-0 victory over a spirited but outclassed Brisbane City at Pratten Park, crashing home three goals in the second half.

Marshall Soper, Olympic's international striker, opened their account in the sixth minute when he slammed home a perfect cross from the left flank by Peter Katholos.

The first half was very even, with Brisbane City searching desperately for the equaliser.

But Olympic's mid-field of Jimmy Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos and Katholos, repeatedly "turned" City with counter-raids as the Queenslanders came forward.

Brisbane City's mid-field trio of Tim O'Maye, the excellent Frank Pimblett and Bobby Hamilton worked tirelessly to hold the fast Olympic side, but City's young strikers, Lee Scriggins, Steve Walsh and Luciano Fabrizio, rarely were allowed space.

Mark Koussas scored a strong header in the 58th minute when he met another cross sent in by Katholos.

Katholos on the left with Soper on the right stretched the Brisbane City defence, giving the home side plenty of width, which was strongly supported by raids from youngster Chris Kalantzis.

It was disaster for Brisbane City when goalkeeper Kim Wishart spilled a short cross from Soper and Kalantzis, ever-alert, zipped in to stab home Olympic's third goal.

Koussas scored his second in the 82nd minute, when Meier punted a long ball over the top and into City's box for Koussas to belt home Olympic's fourth and final goal.

The match never rose to any great heights but star of the game was Soper with his wide raids, strongly supported by fellow striker Koussas and ever-reliable centre-back Mike Coady.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

After the match in the Queenslanders' dressing room, a disappointed coach, Joe Gilroy, stated: "Olympic had too much experience and competitiveness for us. They never stopped putting pressure on us till the last minute."

"They chased and passed looking for still more goals. But you must admit, we also kept trying to go forward and weren't negative in our approach."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Jennings; Patikas, Raskopoulos, Katholos; Soper (Theodorakopoulos 80), Koussas, Kalantzis.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart; Mengotti,

Perry, Liddell, Bromfield; O'Maye (Pagan 58), Pimblett, Hamilton; Scriggins (Milovanovic 65), Walsh, Fabrizio.

REFEREE: D. Rennie.
CROWD: 1,855.



Peter Katholos, one of Sydney Olympic's key players, is challenged by Brisbane City's Luciano Fabrizio at Pratten Park.

ALSTON'S CUBS MAKE PROGRESS

BY BRAD EARL

WOLLONGONG CITY earned their fourth win of the season with a goal from one of Adrian Alston's exciting Wolf-cubs.

Alex Bundalo, who was at the Sydney training camp for the 1985 national Youth squad last week, scored the winner in Wollongong's 1-0 victory over Parramatta Melita at Melita Stadium.

It wasn't a happy reintroduction to NSL football for Melita keeper Alec McPherson, back from injury.

In the 64th minute, McPherson took a goal-kick which was intercepted by Bundalo, and from 35 metres out he shot the ball in high over the stranded Melita keeper and into goal.

In a game made difficult by the wind and the poor condition of the ground, Wollongong's youngsters looked very impressive and must give Alston some satisfaction from a disappointing season.

Bundalo and Peter Kotamanidis showed style up front, while in defence, right-back David Green and centre-backs Ray Vlietstra and Scott Dickson withstood Melita's attacks.

In fact the look-alike centre-backs were the stars of the match with their excellent defence, on the ground as well as in the air, and they covered each other very well.

"These young players can only improve, and they have a big future in the game," Alston said.

Wollongong were asserting pressure either side of the break, culminating in their 64th minute goal.

Melita were in it all the way, driven forward by right-back Colin

McAusland and central midfielder Don Allan, but lacked penetration in attack.

Coach Raul Blanco, who has been plagued by injury problems all season, rued the fact that he can't put the same team on the field every week.

"Every week it is a different team, and we have to rush players back into the side after injury," Blanco said.

Kenny Wilson, Silvio Demanuelle, John Davies, Billy Griffiths, Paul Andricopoulos and Lenny Vial were all unavailable through injury or illness, while Ray Farrugia and Johnston have been troubled by injuries.

"The rhythm and cohesion of the team is not as good as it used to be," Blanco concluded.

The Eagles' next three opponents are Penrith, Blacktown and Sydney Croatia — ironically the three teams breathing down their neck for fifth place.

PARRA MELITA: McPherson; McAusland, Tredinnick, McGinn, McDonald; Jamieson, Allan, Farrugia (Gregson 66); Laing (McKie 45), Duarte, Johnston.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed; Green, Fleming, Vlietstra, Dickson; Willis, Gaffney, Kerr; Beggs, Bundalo, Kotamanidis.

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 735.

NEWCASTLE DRAMA

DRAMA aplenty surrounded Newcastle Rosebud's 3-1 victory over struggling St George at Adamstown.

First, there was speculation whether the liquidator of the old Newcastle United club, seeking a transfer fee on Joe Senkalski, would take legal action to prevent the club captain from playing.

On the field, there were injuries, yellow cards, a penalty and one of the best goals of the season.

With no restraining order in sight, Senkalski survived to serve Newcastle brilliantly.

No such luck for Neville Power, who lasted just six minutes before going off with a severe ankle injury.

His replacement was

Mike Boogaard, who had already played a full game in the youth team, and who, not surprisingly, was later troubled by cramp.

BY NEIL JAMESON

An indication that the 1984 Saints are now but a shadow of their former selves could be seen on the subs' bench from where Dez Marton and Peter Stone, principal contributors to past glories, watched proceedings.

The NSL has few more deadly headers of the ball than Simon Brandt and it was this spring-heeled terror who opened the scoring with a superb goal.

After hitting the post two minutes earlier, the diminutive Brandt soared above a packed defence to meet Ralph Maier's 40th minute free-kick to flash an unstoppable 15 metre angled header into the net.

Despite the industry of St George's Mark Barton, John Svnos and John O'Shea, Newcastle went further ahead in the 63rd minute through Dean Milosevic who beat Terry Greedy with a left-foot drive off the post.

David Ratcliffe handled in the area and Senkalski converted from the spot in the 77th minute to increase

Saints relegation blues.

Chris Polios partially eased Saints woes with an 82nd minute goal, but for this match and this season, it was too little, too late for the NSL champions.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Thompson, Power (Boogaard 5), Owens, McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt, Milosevic, Todd, Allen.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, Pappas, Barton, Ratcliffe, Zantidis (Marton 45), Svnos (Stone 75), Ricoy, Koczka, J.O'Shea, Polios.

REFEREE: Rob Davies.
CROWD: 1,204.



JAMES BOND WOULD HAVE LOVED IT!

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE top-of-the-table clash between Apia Leichhardt and Sydney City started in a blustering wind and finished in a raging tornado.

The action in the last 20 minutes was like a scene from a James Bond movie and some of the happenings almost as unbelievable.

After John Kosmina had put Slickers in the lead in the 70th minute, there was probably nobody in the stadium who thought Apia had a chance of pulling the game out of the fire.

Especially after Arno Bertogna had limped

off with a pulled hamstring.

But there was more drama to unfold, much more.

Peter Tredinnick, who had come on as substitute for Bertogna, was involved in a clash with Gerardo Gomez and had to be rushed to hospital with terrible face injuries.

And that's not all; at the same time, John Bradley was sent off and Apia was left to carry on with only 10 men and

three key players back in the dressing room.

Even the Apia supporters gave up the ghost and vented their frustration by throwing dustbins on to the running track!

But in all the commotion, what was forgotten was the great traditional fighting spirit of Apia.

Like so many times in the past they picked themselves up off the floor, came back from the dead and stole the game.

The hero of the hour was brilliant defender Vic Bozanic, who headed two glorious goals in 83 and 89 minutes to write yet another glorious chapter in Apia's history.

What a finish to one of the hardest games seen in Sydney this season.

Every Apia player was a hero, but special mention must be made of young Ian Gray. It will come as no surprise if there is not a petition down Leichhardt way to make this brilliant youngster the mayor of the borough: he was absolutely outstanding.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Rodrigues, O'Connor, Robertson, de Marigny; Watson, Gomez, Kay; Lee, Kosmina, Murray.

LEICHHARDT: Catlin; Bozanic, Bertogna (Tredinnick 70 - Genovese 76), Pullen, Brown; Gray, Butler, de Ceglie; Bradley, Caban, Morsello.

REFEREE: K. Small.
CROWD: 1,599.



Ian Gray, Leichhardt's Man of the Match, is challenged fiercely by Gerry Gomez of Sydney City at the Athletic Field.

RIBBING FOR ADAM SANDY

BY KEITH GILMOUR

INSTEAD of being hailed as saviour, Blacktown Demons' Adam Sandy took a ribbing from his team-mates when he scored the equaliser six minutes from the end at the Gabbie Stadium.

Croatia, holding a narrow margin in a highly competitive game, appeared destined to add two points to their tally when they conceded a free-kick 25 metres into their own territory out near the touchline.

"Smurf" Selva tapped the ball for Mike Quarmby to send over a neat cross. Sandy rose in front of the defence to switch the ball into the net.

For Adam to be queried over his "spot-on" equalising goal was the height of disrespect, if not insolence!

Nevertheless there were plenty of smiles in the home dressing room.

Croatia's Wally Savor hammered in two earlier goals against one from Blacktown's John Larkin.

This was a highly competitive game. Blacktown missed suspended Byrne from midfield and Rozic, Savor and Borges took charge.

Some good chances fell evenly between the teams, with the powerful Arnold and Borges going close for Croatia and Larkin in almost twice for Blacktown.

Woodhouse made a solid appearance in goal for Croatia in place of Steve Watson, who it seems was dropped for the first time in his eight years with the club, even if it was only to rest him.

With Rozic and Jurin lending confidence to Croatia, they have collected seven points out of the last 10.

Blacktown complained that the free-kick preceding Croatia's first goal was taken too quickly.

Referee Peter Rampley said the law had been complied with and that was that.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Skellern, Dunleavy, Pointer, Selva, Quarmby, M o u n t f o r d (Thornthwaite 64), Sandy, Larkin, O'Connor.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, Woods, Tomasic, Rozic, Sterrey, Vidacic, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Borges, Clinch (Godzik 55).

REFEREE: P. Rampley.
CROWD: 2,214.

BERTI BOUNCES BACK

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

BERTI MARIANI fully deserves Soccer's "Mr Versatility" tag.

Rushed into the sweeper position at the expense of suspended captain Tony Henderson, Mariani was one of Marconi's best performers in their disappointing 1-1 draw against Penrith City at Marconi Stadium.

In fact, the "unfamiliar faces" in the Marconi first grade squad played with inspiration.

Ex-Socceroo John Spanos, who replaced injured left-back Joe Rizzotto, was always safe and composed in defence.

Peter Sharne, who has had one of his most disappointing seasons in the NSL, looked sharp pushing forward on the right and his speed caused the Penrith defence problems.

Les Scheinflug, although disappointed at not winning, was pleased with the performances

of both Sharne and Mariani.

"Berti displayed great coolness in defence and I'm sure Sharne can continue to improve with more performances like this," he said.

On the other hand, Penrith City coach

Willie Wallace was delighted at winning a point from highly-placed Marconi.

"Our plan was to contain them and steal a point," he said.

Penrith were motivated by some dazzling displays of attacking football from Roy Cotton

and goalkeeper Michael Gibson who was unbeatable — bar the goal he conceded.

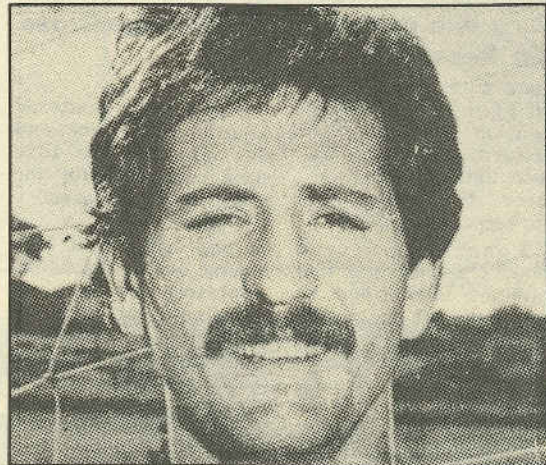
In the 22nd minute, Brian Jackson stunned the home team when he brilliantly lobbed Marconi goalie Bruce James from 20 metres to open the scoring.

Marconi responded 10 minutes later when David Lowe made a skilful run on the right-flank and his cross from the by-line was headed home by Rod Brown.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Spanos, McCulloch, Sharne, Calderan, Mason, Lowe (Carbone 59), Brown, Mariani, Licata.

PENRITH: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Daley, McIntosh, Wotherspoon, Hunter (Fitzharris 84), Hale, Cotton, Ainsworth, Jackson.

REFEREE: G. Power.
CROWD: 999.



BERTI MARIANI ... cool in defence.

ARROWS FAIL AGAIN

CANBERRA ARROWS, facing a vital two-match weekend, failed the first of their assignments when they lost 1-0 at Bruce Stadium to Footscray.

Zdravko Lujic scored the only goal of the game after a quarter of an hour.

That result did not tell the real story. Arrows dominated much of the action but, time after time, wasted goalscoring chances.

This was the fifth successive match in which Canberra could not score, indicating serious problems in the forward line.

It was a depressing experience for coach Doug Collins as he prepared his side for the second tilt at



DOUG COLLINS

Footscray in 24 hours. The official crowd was 720, a further indication of the headaches facing Canberra Arrows.

CANBERRA: Franken, Hogg, Harkins, Redmond, Jones (Lamond 82), Sermanni, Mihailidis, Bryant, Reis, Gibson, Brockbank (Perinovic 45).

FOOTSCRAY: Bolland, McDowell, Hazabent, Karic, Tansey, Belic, Curovic (Paton 74), Carroll, Lacmanovic, O'Donnell, Lujic.

REFEREE: D. Rennie.
CROWD: 720.



ROUND UP

WHAT AN AMAZING MATCH

BY TOM McKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE crashed to their biggest home defeat of the season in an amazing game at Hindmarsh Stadium, where Melbourne Croatia scored three goals in 15 minutes to win 4-0 and top the table on goal difference from Heidelberg.

There was always a chance the home side would at least pull off a draw with the score only 1-0 following a goal by Robert Markovac in the 19th minute.

But West collapsed in the 73rd minute, three minutes after giant midfielder Chris Manou was suprisingly taken off by coach Sam Salabasidis, who sent on the slimmer and much more inexperienced Theo Stametopoulos.

Tommy Cumming accepted a pass from young Ivan Juric and beat Gary Sproul in the West goal; then in the 76th minute a free-kick from Joseph Biskie way out curved round the West wall and into the net.

With two minutes to go, midfielder Jimmy Campbell netted after accepting a pass from substitute Tom Protrouder.

Substituting of Manou had been loudly booed by the home fans, and one had "words" with Salabasidis, who chased him down the sideline before being restrained by officials.

Salabasidis would not comment after the match, but no doubt thought he was doing the right thing by replacing Manou — but it proved a disaster.

Croatia looked by far the better team and while Wests can claim it was minus three injured players — striker George Konstantopoulos, midfielder Steve Atsalas, and full-back Ian McGregor — Croatia was minus Dave Brogan, Dragan Deankovic and Steve Parton.

Cumming was a little terror when he took on the West defence and Markovac had class written over his every move.

For Wests, only Graham Honeyman looked any real threat as he fought a losing battle up front with only Nick Malavazos for support, and Wests had five men playing at the back.

But for Sproul in the West goal, the score could have been greater as he made some brave dives at the feet of the visiting attack and cut out several dangerous crosses.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul; Moussoulis, Papazoglou, Heim, McGachey, Honeyman, Brown, Malavazos, Papadopoulos, Panagis, Manou (Stametopoulos 70).

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blanby, Curcio, Hannah, Biskie, Antolovic, Adam, Lewis, Markovac, Cumming, Campbell, Juric (Protrouder 78).

REFEREE: J. Rossis.

CROWD: 2,067.

FOOTSCRAY FLYING

FOOTSCRAY elevated themselves into the top four with a convincing 3 - 1 win over Canberra at Melbourne's Schintler Reserve.

It was Footscray's second win over Canberra within 24 hours, having beaten them 1-0 in Canberra the night before.

The game developed into a Footscray monologue in the second half during which the home team scored three goals, recovering from a goal deficit in the opening half to pick up their expected two points.

Canberra went into the lead a minute before half-time through a penalty awarded against Tom Karic, for fouling Alan Reis. Bryant converted the penalty to give his team a 1-0 lead at half-time.

Footscray resumed the game full of confidence and in the 52nd minute Joe Carroll levelled

the score hammering the ball into the net from a Paton pass.

Four minutes later, Zdravko Lujic shot Footscray into the lead and in the 76th minute, Carroll put the result beyond doubt with his second goal.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, McDowell, Hazabent, Karic, Tansey, Belic, Curovic (Paton 45), Carroll, Lacmanovic, O'Donnell (Toal 45), Lujic.

CANBERRA: Franken, Gibson, Lamond, Mihailidis, Hogg (Ontong 51), Harkins, Redmond (sent off 51), Reis, Sermanni, Perenovic, Bryant, Brockbank.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

ATTENDANCE: 1,000.

STEVE STAKES CLAIM

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS youngster Steve Jackson further enhanced his claims for inclusion in an Australian Under 23 team to play in the Merlion Cup with a faultless display as sweeper in the 1-0 win over Preston at Richlands.

Jackson, 20, a member of the 1983 Young Soccerroo squad, was always in control of the Lions defence and helped negate an impressive Preston forward line of Graham Heys, English import Sean Lane and big Soccerroo Gary Cole.

Although Jackson left many of the heading duels to big stopper Alan Hunter, he could not be beaten on the ground and his accurate passes with both feet were a delight.

The match, played in the Brisbane twilight on Saturday, proved to be a grandstand finish for the home side.

After dominating possession throughout, it seemed as if the points would be shared as the clock ticked away in the second half.

But with less than a

minute to go, Lions captain John Stewart, another player who must be pushing for further honours, forced a corner.

Preston packed their penalty area in an attempt to hold on to the point they obviously had planned on winning.

Russell Stewart swung the ball perfectly on to the penalty spot, and after two Lions shots had been blocked, former Canberra and North Queensland player Ray Junna stepped up to the rebound and cleverly volleyed it into the top corner.

It was his first goal for the club and it could not have been a more important one.

The win took Lions from the bottom of the pack mid-table to within striking distance of a



RAY JUNNA

top five berth.

With Preston having eight players affected by flu, the Melbourne side always looked as if they would be content with a point.

They only had two real

chances throughout the match. Lane was in a one-on-one with Lions keeper Rob Farrow, but Farrow was too good and turned the shot away.

Five minutes later, Ian Dobson put a free header over the bar.

Lions, on the other hand, repeatedly pressured the Preston defence and it was only sound work by Dobson, Robbie Dunn and Richard Wilson that prevented a more convincing home win.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, McSkimming, Jackson, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Junna, McDonagh, Anderson, Daunt.

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinis (Petrovski 7), Dunn, Dobson, McMillan, Flavell, Odzakovic, Lucchesi (Ilioski 76), Heys, Cole, Lane.

REFEREE: B. Monteverde.

CROWD: 811.

HEIDELBERG'S WORRY

Heidelberg United jeopardised their championship hopes with a 0-0 draw against Green Gully at Olympic Village.

The Bergers are facing the grim possibility of slipping down from the top of the table if they don't overcome Footscray in their next home game next Sunday.

With Melbourne Croatia and South Melbourne breathing down their necks, Heidelberg fear their championship campaign will disintegrate in the weeks to come if they don't improve their performances.

Although they entered the game favourites Heidelberg found themselves in trouble as their defence failed to control live wire Paul Lewis.

In fact if Lewis had not been sent off in the 43rd minute by referee Deny Voutsinas, Green Gully might have collected more points than they expected.

With Don McLeod serving the second week of his suspension and Mike

Valentine struggling at left-back, Heidelberg were very shaky in defence, unproductive in the midfield, particularly after captain Theo Selemidis had been taken off, and purposeless in their attacks.

With the exception of an impressive first 10 minutes, Heidelberg lapsed into obscurity and had to resort to desperate defence to hold out the opposition.

BY JOHN FIELD

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver, McKie, Angele, Yankos, Valentine, Selemidis (Metaxas 70), Petersen, Tzitzis, Patterson, Stevenson, Winn.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben, McLelland, Canell, Wade, Smart (Mancinelli 26), Vassallo, Lewis (sent off 43), McGuinness, Smallman, Williams.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas.

ATTENDANCE: 2,000.



THEO SELEMIDIS

STRUGGLE TO HOLD LEAD

SOUTH MELBOURNE strengthened their championship hopes with a narrow 2 - 1 win over Sunshine George Cross at Melbourne's Chaplin Reserve.

An early 2-0 lead heralded a prolific win by South, as the home team were struggling to control the South Melbourne duo of Charlie Egan and Doug Brown

South Melbourne had lined up without John Yzendoorn, who had undergone surgery during the week and their key midfielder Carl Halford who is carrying a leg injury.

Doug Brown opened the scoring after 16 minutes with a ground shot from a

square Egan pass. Crino sent Egan through with a precision pass and the forward cut the ball square to Brown who hammered it into the net past keeper Costello.

Egan engineered South's second goal four minutes later when he broke through the middle and gave the ball to Brown who scored.

George Cross weathered a lot of pressure until the 35th minute when Bob Toal pulled one back with a powerful

shot.

Toal's goal shattered South's confidence and caused them to lose their composure for the remainder of the game.

Particularly in the second half South Melbourne had to defend desperately for long intervals to maintain the scoreline.

George Cross missed a brilliant opportunity to level the score in the 53rd minute when Jeff Faulkner beat the offside trap and adv-

anced into the box, but well placed Peter Laumets deflected his shot for a corner.

Referee Sam Zoumas sent George Cross full back Chris Taylor off the field four minutes before full time adding fuel to the fire that had started with some of his previous decisions.

Though none of his decisions affected the outcome of the game George Cross supporters attacked Zoumas every time he blew the whistle

'TIGER' CULLEN POUNCES

BY HARRY HALL

A dazzling performance by winger Robert Cullen netted Brunswick Juventus a much-needed 1-0 win over Adelaide City in their Italian Derby, at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

"Tiger" Cullen demolished Adelaide City almost single handedly with his brilliant performance in a game that although not producing a high score, gave the 1,000 supporters a lot to enthuse about.

Cullen's inspiring performance lifted the Juventus side which, after a long run of injuries, fielded almost a complete side.

The return of midfielder Richard Miranda, and forward Joe Sweeney transformed the weak Juventus side into a solid team that fought for 90 minutes for the deserved win.

Adelaide City did not disgrace themselves either. They had their share of opportunities in the first half in particular when Joe Cecere and Peter Rankin mounted a series of attacks that forced Juventus to retreat into defence.

Cullen scored the winning goal right on half-time to give his side a lift they needed to continue their battle in the second half.

Sunday's performance can be rated Juventus's best for at least eight weeks.

JUVENTUS: Martin, Geremia, Campbell, Drinoczki, Brown, Dowie, Miranda, Lloyd, Cullen, Sweeney, Zinni.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Cecere, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Villani, Maxwell, Rankin, Gatenby, Mullen.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.

ATTENDANCE: 1,000.

and their disappointment caused a brawl at the end of the game as they ran after the referee on the way to the dressing room.

GEORGE CROSS: Costello, Scerri, Taylor, O'Reilly, Toal, Bain, McGorian, Deluca, Faulkner, McLaren, Latif.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Kalifatidis, Blair, Crino, Kanesoulis, Murphy, Davidson, Egan, Brown.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas.

ATTENDANCE: 1,500.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR SO KEEP UP MORALE

BY TOM ANDERSON

THIS is the time of year when the morale of a football team means the difference between winning or losing a championship and escaping doom or being relegated.

After a long domestic season, players have had enough of training three or four nights a week and for most of them, the game becomes a bit of a drudge.

Thoughts begin to drift to lazing on the beach in the sun and having barbecues and the occasional draught of the amber fluid with families and friends.

Sure there will be the cry from administrators and those who have not been through the mill as a pro of "they are professionals, they should be keen and dedicated all the time."

Nature

Well it's not a case of dedication but more human nature.

Soccer in this country becomes a hard slog for our part-time players when August and September come around.

The Australian season operates for almost 12 months of the year and it's only human that player interest must wane sooner or later at club level over such an extended period.

Certainly the leading players such as John Kosmina, Ken Murphy, David Ratcliffe and their mates will get the adrenalin running again

when they set off into the big-time on the world tour in November.

But for the players who are not in the national team, a boost in morale at this period is needed.

Playing surfaces in most stadiums are now getting hard and bumpy and points won and points lost in the championship and relegation races are vital.

So much so, tempers are on a short fuse and rows erupt under the great pressure.

For me, this is where the coach really earns his money and all his expertise and skill in his profession are brought to bear.

Experienced coaches like Frank Arok, Eddie Thomson, Len McKendry, Joe Gilroy and Brian Garvey are renowned experts in this field.

Others with less experience react in different ways which leave a great deal to be desired.

This is the time when a united front is needed and solidarity in the dressing room is a must at all clubs.

For example if some players are having a bad time on the field or some even not pulling their weight, a good coach reads



DAVID RATCLIFFE: will have adrenalin running.

the riot act in the privacy of the dressing room and never in front of the opposition team or the fans.

To dress a player down in public has a destroying effect that in the end usually leads to the destruction of the coach himself.

Close-knit

It is also a time when the players must help one another and unite as a close-knit unit as never before.

Obviously, when things are not going according to plan for a team, the fans usually single out one player and abuse the life out of him, week in and week out.

When this does happen, it's up to the coach to get his players

For me, there's nothing worse than watching a player copping it from the fans and also being abused by his own mates when he makes a mistake.

Being made the scapegoat in a professional Soccer team is a lonely and horrible feeling. Any coach who allows this to happen does not deserve to pick up his wage packet at the end of the week.

It's natural to look for an excuse and a scapegoat immediately after defeat when everybody is disappointed and down in the dumps.

But post-mortems

should be conducted after everybody has cooled down and in a rational frame of mind.

Victimised

Many players, especially the younger Australian ones, at times believe they are being victimised when talked to or advised by senior pros.

This situation occurs mostly at this time of the year when the pressure is on.

It's up to the coach to strike a happy medium here and to make sure the seniors' advice does not turn into abuse and that the younger

player does not become a spoilt child by over protection or think he has a divine right to a first team berth.

No doubt many readers are thinking that to be a football coach you have to be a qualified "head shrink"!

When a team is winning, problems are usually minor — even at this time of the year.

For the adage that "winning covers a multitude of sins and defeat requires an explanation" is certainly true in football.

But as I said earlier, it's mainly a matter of morale.

SAINTS TO BATTLE ON

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CURRENT NSL champions St George, battling to avoid relegation, face tough opposition in Sydney Croatia at the St George Stadium on Sunday.

Saints, in 10th place and desperate for points, are confident of turning the tables against Harry Noon's team.

"Everything is going wrong for us at the moment," a worried coach Frank Arok lamented.

"It's like a grand final for both teams. We're fighting to avoid relegation and Croatia are battling to get into the top five series."

A big game is expected from Saints' international defender David Ratcliffe, as his team battles for survival.

Adding to St George's worries is crack midfielder Johnny O'Shea, who goes into hospital tomorrow for a cartilage operation.

Both teams have conceded the same number of goals

(33), with St George having scored 28 — just two more than their opponents.

Croatia's recent revival can be largely attributed to some outstanding performances by striker Graham Arnold and the brilliant ball-playing midfielder Wally Savor. Savor hit a double last Sunday against Blacktown.

Croatia have been bolstered by imports Vedran Rozic and Zeljko Jurin, who have helped the side to collect points on a more regular basis.

Robbie Slater, after missing last Saturday's match against Newcastle, is expected to be rushed back into the St George side to add punch and pace to the forward line.

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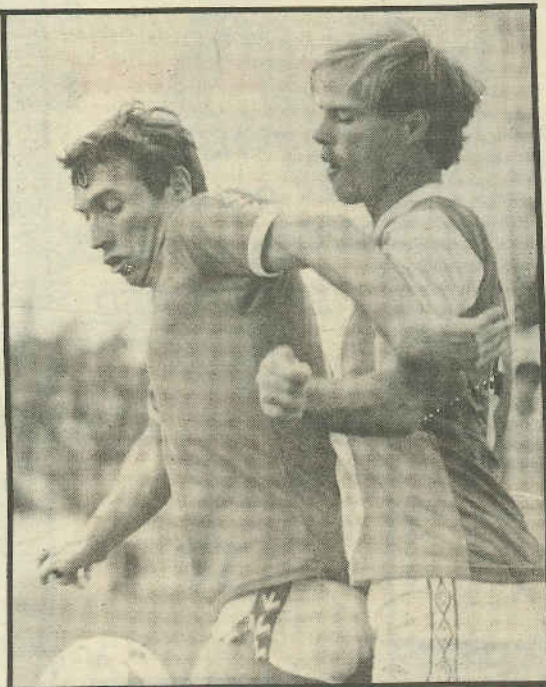
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A TEST OF STRENGTH FOR APIA

BY BRAD EARL

LEICHHARDT APIA will be hoping to have Arno Bertogna and Peter Tredinnick back from injury for Sunday's Henson Park match against Brisbane Lions.

After defeating Sydney City last weekend, Leichhardt have renewed their albeit slim hopes of catching the Slickers.

Sweeper Bertogna and midfielder Tredinnick were substituted in that match through injury, but Leichhardt showed their strength by winning the game with those two and striker John Bradley out of the action.

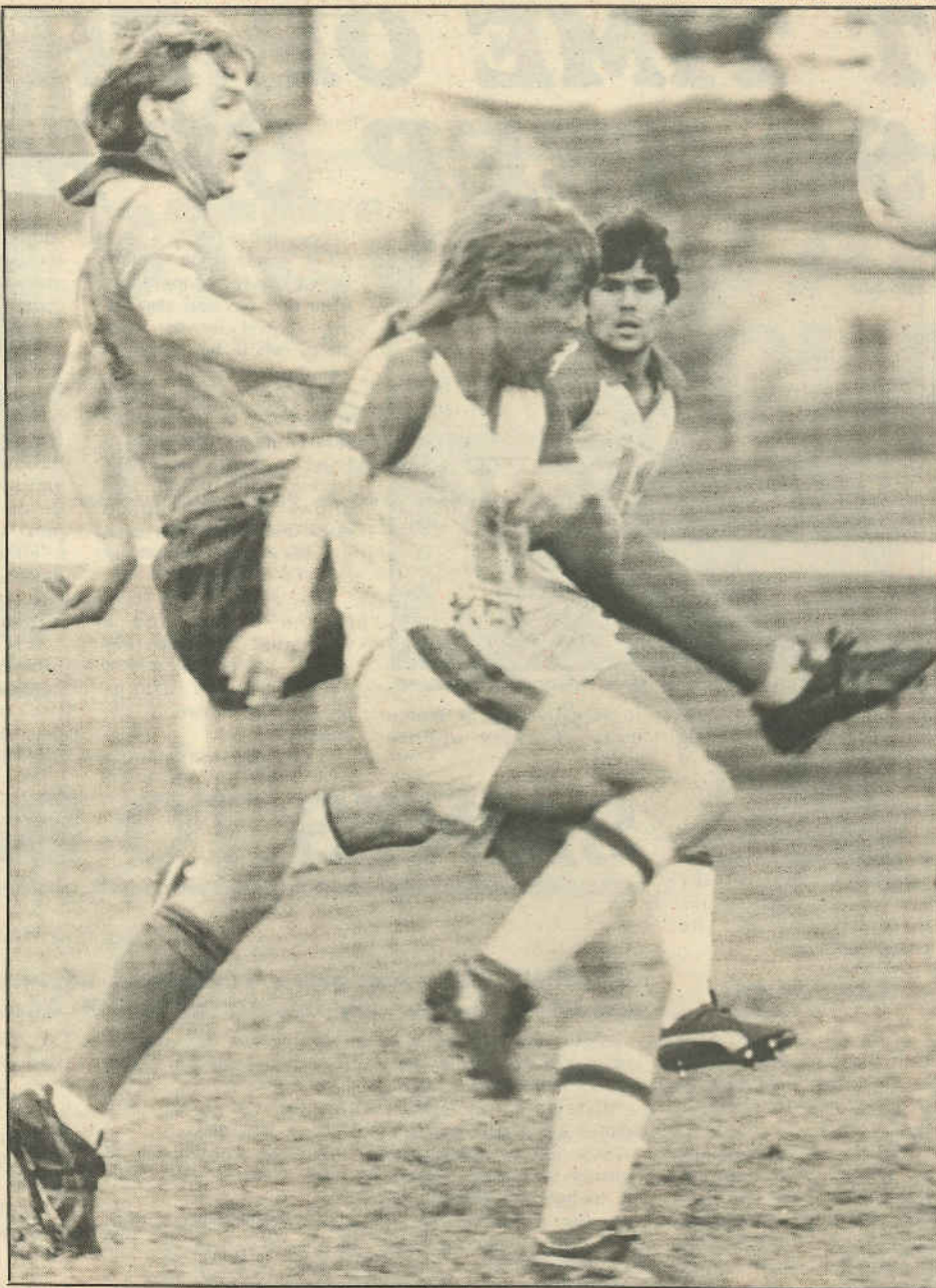
Bradley was sent off, which means an automatic one-match suspension, so coach Fil Bottalico may call up players from the well-performed youth side.

If Bertogna is unavailable, his place at the back will probably be filled by Gary Van Egmond, who showed he's a capable defender in an NSL Cup match against Penrith City in June.

Leichhardt will have to overcome the youthful exuberance of a Brisbane Lions team that can turn on the entertainment on their day.

Guided by the experience of left-back Alan Niven and captain John Stewart, talented young players like defenders Steve Jackson, Roddy Vasquez and Alan Hunter and midfielder Russell Stewart have shown continual improvement in the last two seasons.

The Stewart brothers have the ability to control the midfield ... which sets up an interesting battle for supremacy with Terry Butler and Ian Gray.



'HOTSHOT' CAIRNEY PONDER'S FUTURE

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND'S latest National League scoring sensation, Joe Cairney of Brisbane Lions — the bargain buy of the year — is keeping his options open for the 1985 season.

"I don't want to leave Brisbane but I guess it depends on whether Brisbane wants to keep me," said Cairney.

Cairney's form has attracted several southern coaches, including Sydney Croatia's Harry Noon, who signed the striker on a free transfer from Brisbane City earlier this year.

But at this stage Cairney's biggest hurdle before he considers

anything for next season is obtaining an extension on his visa, which expires at the end of this year.

Extension

"I will make enquiries about an extension in a few weeks. I understand you are entitled to at least one extension and I haven't had one yet."

Cairney is undoubtedly a new player following his move across the Brisbane River.

In only half a season he has scored more goals for Lions than he netted in two years at Spencer Park.

And Cairney is confident his form will continue.

"I have never doubted myself and my present form is just proving to others what I knew," he said.

JOE CAIRNEY (left) in the hunt for goals for Brisbane Lions against Wollongong City's David Green.

APIA Leichhardt v Brisbane Lions



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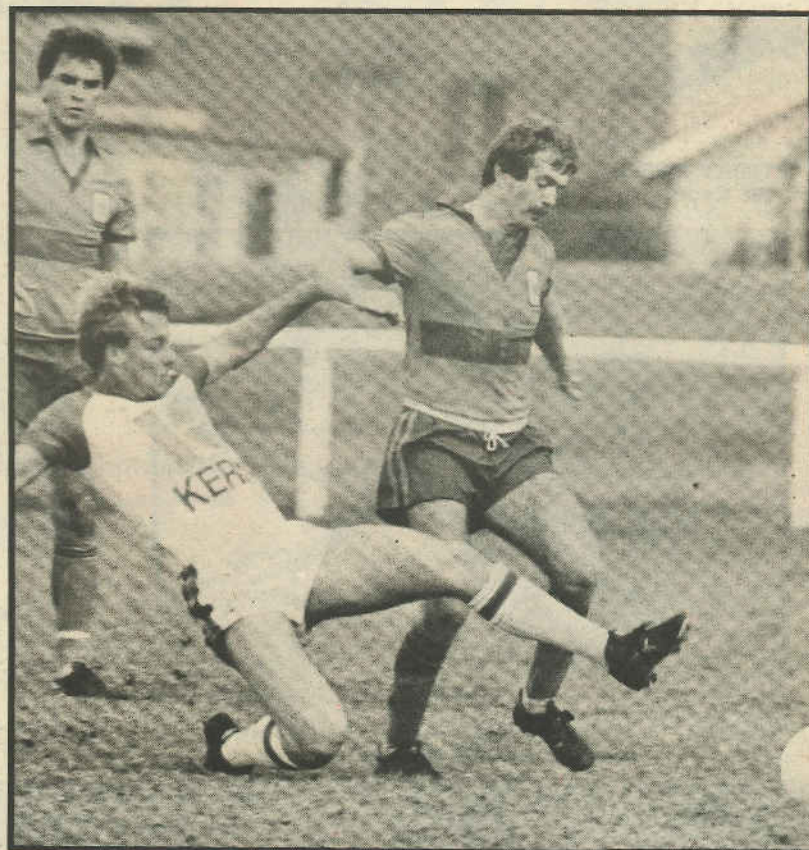


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KOUSSAS HIT THE HEIGHTS

What went wrong for Mark Koussas?

BY MIKE JOHNSON



Mark was one of the stars of the Australian team which competed in the World Youth Championship in Australia in 1981.

Since that time his career has spluttered and fizzled.

He has been unable to command a regular place in the Sydney Olympic's first team since the WYC.

The downslide of Mark's career started with Tommy Docherty, who was predicted to be the coach by Stephen Blatchford, who worked at Olympic as publicity officer during the early years of the Docherty era.

Mark is a quiet boy who needs an understanding coach," said Blatchford.

The extroverted Docherty is not that kind of coach."

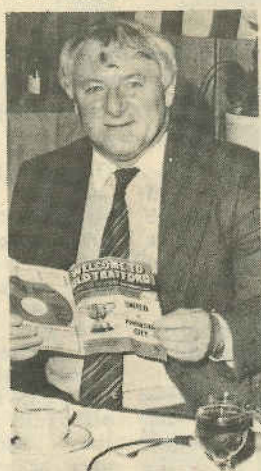
Darling

Blatchford appeared to be right, because it was under Docherty that Koussas first had his ability questioned and eventually found himself out of the team.

Before that he had been the darling of the Sydney crowd.

The local boy had starred for his country and was a regular goalscorer for his club.

But, now in his early



TOMMY DOCHERTY

20s, when he should be at his peak as a striker, he is unable to command a regular place in his club side.

I have been very impressed by Koussas as a goalscorer.

I first saw him with Sydney Olympic in its first game in the then Philips League in 1981 when it went to Wollongong to play Ken Morten's Wolves.

It was also Docherty's first game as coach in his initial stint with Olympic.

I remember asking: "Who is the small, dark lad playing up front for Sydney Olympic?"

He had a definite flair for goalscoring.

He was constantly in good positions around the penalty box and able to get shots on goal without needing much space.

This is one of the great assets of modern strikers.

Koussas was particularly good at shooting while turning.

It was such a shot on the turn which later produced a marvellous and vital goal for him and Australia in the World Youth Championship.

Koussas lacked many of the other qualities which you find in top strikers such as John Kosmina and Dez Marton.

Limbo

However, over a period of time, he did show that he was developing a wider range of skills to his game whilst still retaining his flair for goals.

Then, the goals stopped and his career went into limbo.

Docherty has left Olympic, but Koussas has been unable to revive his fallen Soccer career.

So what is the answer? Should he change clubs?

Should he wait around at Olympic until there is another change of coach?

Or is it that the biggest change that Mark

has to make is one of attitude?

I am not close enough to the lad to know what is needed: indeed I have never spoken to him, nor to other coaches about him.

However, he has well-above-average talent as a goalscorer and that type of talent is the hardest to come by in Soccer.

On the other hand, talent of itself is no guarantee of success in any walk of life.

The oft-mentioned attributes discipline, dedication, determination play an even more significant role in a journey toward success.

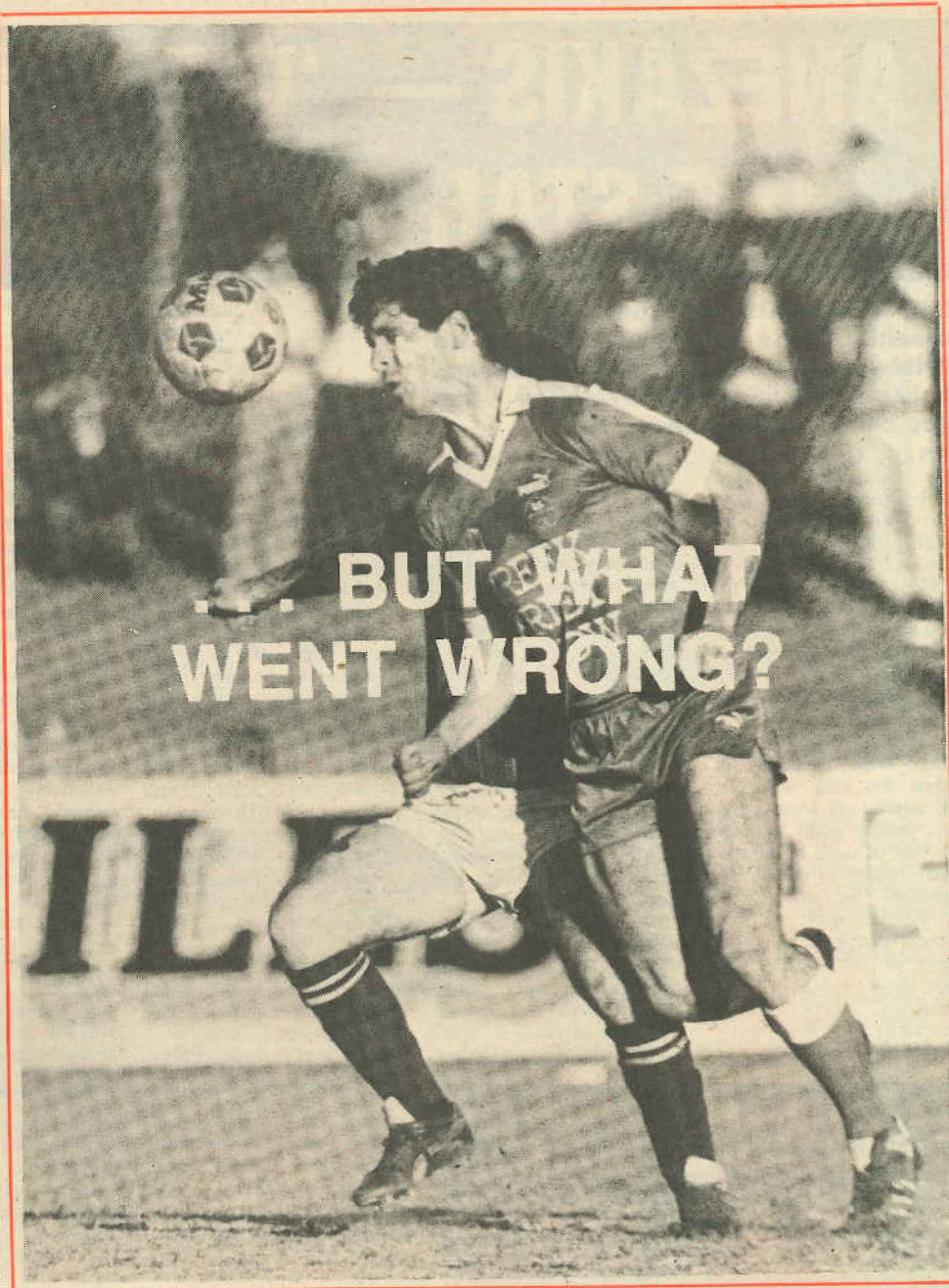
Together they produce the all-embracing attribute — CHARACTER.

Sport in fact does form character.

Watch a champion sportsman competing and you are watching character in dynamic action.

In sport, as in life, it is not what happens to you, it is how you take it.

I hope the still young Mark Koussas will take what has happened to him on the chin and come back strong and be an even better player because of the trials he has endured in recent times.



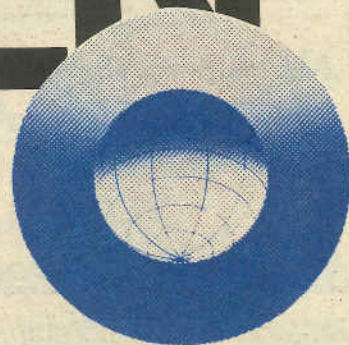
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ANEZAKIS — 'WE NEED THE STAR PLAYERS'

LEO ANAZAKIS, the South Melbourne president who suggested there be no Brisbane teams in the NSL and perhaps only one Adelaide side — or none — has not changed his mind.

And this despite the outcry from other clubs besides Brisbane City and Lions, and Adelaide's West and City.

Before his club's recent match against West Adelaide, Anazakis, in an informal discussion, put forward some ideas which appeared to make sense.

"We could have followed West Adelaide and taken the easy way out by signing all local players, paying small signing fees or none at all and been happy to avoid relegation," he said.

"People want to see name players. If you keep to the locals, you get their mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers and girl friends watching them.

"You can lose 4,000 other fans following that policy."

Then came the crunch. West, with no big names and home products galore, went out and humbled the star-studded Melbourne Millionaires 3-1.

Melbourne we are world-beaters.

"But I am saying, given the right day and the right mood, locals can make the grade.

"And I am also saying that this season we wanted to cut back our debts and get into the black.

"We have done this now and will buy two or three experienced players for next year, but we will not ignore our youngsters — those with our club or other

BY TOM McKAIN

local teams."

West started the season like champions, but until the South match had sunk into the relegation zone and their crowds had dropped to below 1,000 paying customers; it took the diehard season ticket holders and free admittance kids to take the figure over 1,000.

Karagiannis was not prepared to admit that the crowds fell off because of the home-grown policy, or even poor results.

In Melbourne, Heidelberg just managed to sink Adelaide City, in a similar position to West Adelaide, with the only goal of the game.

City had already been to Sydney for a 3-3 draw with Croatia and its three imports, and before that, beat Preston 2-1 in Melbourne.

Preston was one of the teams West manager Frank Karagiannis said spent a fortune for nothing.

"Preston have 16 points, the same as us," he said.

"Buying stars to attract people sounds good, but if they don't produce, then something is wrong.

"I'm not saying because we beat South. Every sport has gone through a slump as far as attendances are concerned," he said.

"At this stage, we are not prepared to rush out and spend on so-called star players.

"We would like to buy a couple, but would feel happier if we create some of our own."

But whether Anazakis will be proved right or wrong is anyone's guess.

LIONS BID TO RETAIN PLAYERS

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS are determined to keep their present team next season — irrespective of whether they are in the National League or not.

But the club faces a tough battle with a number of players eyeing a move to Sydney and others not impressed by warnings this week of across-the-board wage cuts next year.

Lions directors say very few players are up for contract renewals next year and most will be back at Richlands.

In a bid to head off any problems very early in the piece, the club last week issued a

"hands-off" warning after two players had attracted interest from Southern clubs.

The approaches have come in the wake of Lions' determined performances of late that have seen them climb away from the bottom of the table.

Former Brisbane City striker Joe Cairney, who has hit a purple patch since transferring to Richlands and is now approaching double fi-

gures in the scoring stakes, has had informal talks with at least two southern coaches.

And Sunshine George Cross coach Billy Wilkinson was quoted a week ago as saying young Lions target-man Calvin Daunt was the type of player he would like to buy next season.

Former Youth Socceroo Danny Wright and talented young sweeper Roddy Vasquez are others who have said they fancied a season in Sydney in the future.

"We are aware of the approaches but we want to keep all our players next year," Lions president John Morcus said.

"It has taken a lot of work to build this side and now he have the chance to bring National League success to Queensland. We are not going to waste that opportunity by selling our best players for the benefit of the southern clubs.

"Even if they force us out of the National League, we will still

keep our players and dominate the local competition."

But Morcus has also forecast lower payments in 1985.

"I can see lower wages next year for the players in line with the lower crowds this season," he said.

"I think the days of high payments in the National League are finished and they won't come back unless there are far greater crowds."

The club has always honoured its commitments though and no-one is worried about payments.

QLD YOUTH RETURNS

BRILLIANT young Queensland player Jason Polak has turned his back on F.A. Cup finalists Watford and is back in Brisbane.

Polak, 16, has refused to reveal the reason behind his surprise return to Australia.

"I'd rather not say," was his only comment.

Polak, one of the State's hottest prospects since Danny Wright and Russell Stewart, grabbed the headlines when pop star and Watford chairman Elton John announced on his last Australian tour that his club would be offering the young Australian an apprenticeship.

Polak was playing in the club's youth team and looked set for a successful spell in English Soccer.

Polak is likely to finish this season with his old club Pine Rivers in the Brisbane amateur division one, but is certain to be bombarded by offers for 1985.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell, who no doubt will rush Polak back into his State Youth side, has come to the

AIIS OPEN UP GAP AT TOP

By PETER RUSSELL

THE Australian Institute of Sport increased its lead at the head of the National Youth League when they followed up a 2-0 victory over Canberra Arrows at Bruce Stadium on Saturday with a 1-1 draw against Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park.

Leichhardt moved into second place, five points behind, with a 4-1 win over the Slickers at Sydney Athletic Field, mainly due to an excellent hat-trick by striker Bruno Beddonj.

Newcastle managed to hang on for a draw against St. George, despite being reduced to 10 men in the 24th minute.

Challengers Melita Eagles were humiliated at home by woollen-spooners Wollongong 1-3.

On Saturday the Newcastle Rosebuds mastered the bumpy pitch and windy conditions better than the Saints and hung on for a well-earned point.

They were reduced to 10 men in the 24th minute with the dismissal of Glen Cameron for his second foul in as many minutes after earlier receiving a yellow card.

Cameron had opened the scoring for the Rosebuds in the 11th minute and Peter Petkovski got the equaliser in the 55th minute for the Saints.

It was a scrappy game at the AIS Ground at Bruce Stadium in the derby between the Institute and the Arrows. Neither side mastered the very windy conditions, resulting in the ball being out of play more than it was in.

AIIS managed to score two goals in the first half against the wind through Warren Spink (seventh minute) and Lou Hristodilou (40th).

In an unimaginative match at the Gabbie Stadium which had little goalmouth action, a 1-1 draw was a fair result in a game that neither side dominated.

Steve Meades opened the scoring in the 55th minute for Croatia and George McCulloch equalised in the 57th.

Sydney City must consider themselves unlucky despite the wide scoreline against Leichhardt.

Finding themselves three goals down at the break in what had been an evenly contested match, the Slickers threw everything at the Strikers in the second half and pulled one back with a brilliant goal from Jonny Foxman.

He had three glaring penalty claims turned down, before Bruno Beddonj finished off a fine hat-trick in the 87th minute to put the result beyond doubt.

Ali Jaffar was Leichhardt's other scorer in the 29th minute.

At Pratten Park the AIS made things hard for themselves against a dispirited

Olympic side.

Playing their second match in two days AIS gave Olympic a goal start in the 34th minute when Gary Phillips netted from the penalty spot after Andrew Bernal pulled down Alex Koussas inside the area.

Bernal further complicated matters for Jimmy Shoulder's boys when he was shown the red card early in the second half, but the AIS fought back and levelled the scores through Warren Spink in the 65th minute.

After taking an early lead through Birol Sertbas, the Eagles thought they were home and hosed in their match against the Wolves at Melita Stadium.

But the lads from the Gong had other ideas and fought back with goals from Peter Rodnik (21st), Jamie Dummett (44th), and Earl Cavin (58th) to defeat the complacent Eagles.

At Marconi Stadium the Leopards were outwitted by the Panthers and slipped out of contention for a place in the top five series as they are now five points adrift of sixth placed Canberra.

The only goal of the game was scored by David Shute in the 44th minute.



PETER PETKOVSKI (St George, left)

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ROCKDALE ILINDEN, who have had a successful season in the NSW State League, could have a Youth Soccerroo in their ranks.

Midfielder Kenny Slaveski, who has been a regular first grader this year, is attending national Youth team trials in Canberra this week.

FRANK AROK goes full-time with the Australian Soccer Federation in July next year as national coach.

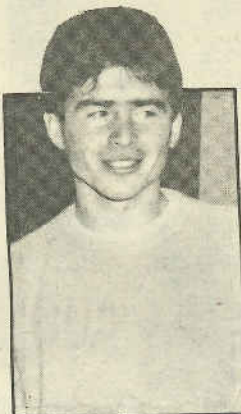
ASW suggested to Arok that life would then be easier, without the problems associated with club Soccer.

He replied: "In 29 years in this game, I've experienced every sort of problem so there is nothing new in that. It's all part of the business."

ST GEORGE will hold their inaugural "VIP Club dinner" at Soccer House in Mortdale tonight.

Special guests of honour will be national coach Frank Arok and St George players Terry Greedy, David Ratcliffe, John and Mike O'Shea and Robbie Slater.

Saints' VIP Club organiser is former St George captain and international George Harris, who says the aim of the VIP Club is to meet and talk to people from all walks of life and business with a common interest in Soccer.



EMIL DRAGICEVIC

DELAYS in obtaining a clearance for import Emil Dragicevic have upset Sydney Croatia officials.

They claim he really looks the goods in his training sessions.

Another import Zeljko Jurin has also impressed in his first few matches but coach Harry Noon says: "Dragicevic is every bit as fast and talented as Jurin — and he has more bite."

MAKE a note on your calendars of the date — September 18. That's when the clubs in the National League are expected to vote on the new format for the 1985 season.

We must hope they decide wisely.

Blacktown secretary Peter Thorne comments: "Soccer in Australia must get its act together. There have to be major changes next year and the supporters must be brought back."

THE truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

A Sydney NSL coach adamantly denied to media members that there was any animosity between him and one of his most prominent players. "It's all rumours," he persisted.

Same coach, in an article he wrote in his club's programme recently, stated: "It is no secret that there are problems with a player but the team has to operate as a well-oiled machine; every part must fit."

ANOTHER unfortunate by-product of the strange set-up in the National League this season was pointed out by Leichhardt general-manager Frank Sbisá.

"We could play Sydney City four times in the competition this season and, when you look at the Slickers' strength, that places an unfair burden on our team," said Sbisá.

ASW was accused of "knocking" when we pointed out at the START of this season that the challenge match idea was a dead loss.

Now everyone agrees. It's nice to be proved right.

IT'S a long journey by road from Queanbeyan to Dee Why, but that didn't deter Inter Monaro's supporters who turned up on Sunday for the vital Manly v Monaro NSW State League match at Cromer Park.

Three busloads were there to cheer on Monaro's bid for promotion to the National League.

THE Australian Soccer Press Association annual awards dinner, to be staged this year in Sydney on October 29, is likely to be held at a Soccer club.

This will be a breakaway from the previous lavish venues such as the Wentworth and the Southern Cross Hotel.

A sign of the times in Soccer?

STEVE WATSON, Sydney Croatia's consistent goalkeeper, was given a rest for Sunday's match against Blacktown Demons.

Although coach Harry Noon is a great Watson admirer, he felt the player was looking lethargic so he excused him from training for a few days.

This gave Greg Woodhouse his big chance of a return to the big time.

Woodhouse, following his switch from Leichhardt, has recaptured his enthusiasm for the game and, at 24, could still have a bright future.

MARCONI's climb up the NSL over the last 12 weeks has been incredible.

One of the main reasons is the fact that a key Marconi player has continued to play, despite having a cracked bone in the top of his foot.



GREG WOODHOUSE ... big chance.



St George president Alex Pongrass (left) and leading player Dez Marton (right) thank Lemair executive director Harry Marr for his company's sponsorship of the NSL champions.

ADAUTO IGLESIAS, goalkeeper in Apia's premiership-winning team 20 years ago, was one of the old-timers invited to the big Apia celebrations last weekend.

Adauto has something in common with singer Julio Iglesias — apart from the same surname.

Adauto used to play in goal for Real Madrid's reserve team. So did Julio.

There is a big difference in their incomes these days, though.

Julio Iglesias has sold more records than any entertainer in the world and has to be a multi-multi millionaire!



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE MATCHES

**ROUND 22
SUNDAY AUGUST 26**

**BLACKTOWN CITY v
SYDNEY CITY**

Gabbie Stadium 3pm

**CANBERRA ARROWS v
WOLLONGONG CITY**

National Sports Centre 3pm

**LEICHHARDT v
BRISBANE LIONS**

Henson Park 3pm

**MARCONI v
SYDNEY OLYMPIC**

Marconi Stadium 3pm

**PENRITH CITY v
PARRA-MELITA**

Cook Park 3pm

**ST GEORGE v
SYDNEY CROATIA**

St George Stadium 3pm

**ADELAIDE CITY v
GREEN GULLY**

Olympic Sports Field 2.30pm

**BRISBANE CITY v
BRUNSWICK JUVE**

Spencer Park 3pm

**HEIDELBERG v
FOOTSCRAY**

Olympic Village 3pm

**MELBOURNE CROATIA v
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS**

Olympic Park 3pm

**PRESTON v
SOUTH MELBOURNE**

Connor Reserve 3pm

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v
WEST ADELAIDE**

Chaplin Reserve 3pm



St George and Australia "B" defender Mike O'Shea (right) against Nottingham Forest's Steve Hodge. O'Shea will be a special guest at Saints' VIP Club dinner.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

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SEASIDERS TAME INTER-MONARO

MANLY's hopes of promotion to the National Soccer League next season received a vital boost when they defeated State League leaders Inter-Monaro 3-1 at Cromer Park.

Manly must beat Yugal this weekend and then defeat Rockdale in the last round and hope that Monaro lose their last match against Avala to force a play-off.

It was during the first half that the home team asserted their superiority scoring three goals.

After just four minutes Stephen Leak opened the scoring with a spectacular 25 metre drive.

Bobby Pagano and Leak combined for young Simon Panes to score Manly's second goal in the 18th minute.

Monaro captain John Santolin almost responded for

the visitors but was denied by Manly goalie Chris Cassettari in the 30th minute.

In the 34th minute the game was held up for 20 minutes when Manly's Pagano and Monaro's Mark Francis accidentally clashed heads. Pagano was replaced and received

five stitches to a cut behind the ear while Francis swallowed his tongue and was rushed to hospital.

Seconds before the break Robbie Stuart deflected a shot from teammate Roy Jones into goal to give Manly an unbeatable 3-0 lead.

In the second half Monaro dominated play but found the Manly defence unbeatable — bar the goal Walter Valeri scored in the 49th minute.

MANLY: Cassettari, Pierce, S. Dick, J. Dick, Williamson, Jones, Steven, Leak (Scobie 65), Panes, Pagano (Vale 34), Stuart.

MONARO: Hocking, Williams, Domazetovich, Santolin, Francis (Wilke 34 — Monterosso 80), Willox, Ambrosino, Farrell, Brennan, Valeri, Giampaolo.

LAST weekend Auburn-Uruguay striker Ray Carney's reputation as one of the best forwards in the State League received a strong boost.

Although Auburn drew 0-0 against Canterbury-Marrickville, Carney was in dazzling form creating numerous goalscoring chances for his teammates.

The best opportunity to break the deadlock was created by him in the 75th minute but team-mate Tony OShana fired wide from close range with only the goalkeeper to beat.

This is the first time for several weeks Canterbury have collected a point. In fact, Craig Hall, one of their best performers almost scored the winner in the 68th minute but his shot hit the crossbar and was cleared.

AUBURN: Rosano, Kelly, Geekie, Watt, Planinic, Akoutas, Carney, Parfitt, Townsend, Knight (McDermid 69), Banales (OShana 41).

CANTERBURY: Konistis, Antonopoulos, Laws, Efthimiadis, Hantzis, Titilas, Anagnostopoulos (Andreou 80), Vasiliou, Hall, Dounnis, Pettas.

COACH Vic Dalglish's policy of promoting youngsters into the top grade paid off when Ku-ring-gai comfortably defeated Warringah-Narrabeen 2-0 at Parklands Oval.

Ironically, one player who played with great determination was Paul Daley (no relation to Penrith City's Paul Daley), who two weeks ago was running around in the Ku-ring-gai U/16 youth league team.

Warringah looked well in control in the first half but lacked the vital finishing touch in front of goal.

Consequently they were punished and Ku-ring-gai scored both of their goals in the second half.

Andy Tracey, playing the unfamiliar role of left-back, put Glen Jeffrey through and he lobbed the ball over the stranded Warringah keeper.

There was doubt over Ku-ring-gai's second goal. Jeffrey — who many claim was offside — crossed the ball from the right and Craig Bass slotted it



STEPHEN LEAK: goalscorer

home from close range.

KU-RING-GAI: Prentice, Bennett, Jesse, Watson, Tracey, Quigley, Daley (Rees 70), Bourke, Dene (Beeston 86), Jeffrey, Bass.

WARINGAH: Dean, Hanley, Collings, Rylands, Mahoney, Sorge, Griffin, Jack, Sadtner (MacLaine 73), Bulloch, A. Dean.

BANKSTOWN-NATIONAL, inspired by a skilful performance from young midfielder Aytec Genc, demolished Avala 4-2 at Knight Park.

Genc, a local product, created havoc in the middle of the park and was rewarded by scoring Bankstown's second goal five minutes after the break.

Ricky Budini, Avala's best player, opened the scoring in the 11th minute but seconds before the interval, Steve Blackburn levelled the score.

Dangerous Bankstown striker El Hussein made it 3-1 in the 52nd minute while defender Roy Agosition put the issue beyond doubt scoring the fourth goal in the 65th minute.

Budini capped a fine game scoring Avala's second and late consolation goal.

With this win Bankstown now have a chance of escaping relegation if they win their last game against Auburn and Yugal lose their last two against Manly and Ku-ring-gai.

AVALA: Thurlow, Lembyrk, Milne, Budini, Budini, C. Mackenzie, Duvnjak, Rodrigues, Kodor, Williams, Bateman, Bratkovic (Nedic 40).

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Green, Ismael, Blackburn, Coates, Agostino, Apanaia, Genc, El Hussein, Parker, Kennedy.

NSW TABLES

DIV 1 - GDE 1

Monaro	21	14	5	3	58	24	31
Rockdale	21	13	4	4	42	21	30
Manly	20	11	7	2	41	14	29
S'land	21	11	5	5	34	19	27
Auburn	20	7	8	5	16	15	22
K'gal	21	6	7	8	25	32	19
Polonia	20	6	5	9	21	30	17
Avala	20	5	6	9	28	40	16
C-M'vie	21	5	6	10	18	40	16
W'gah	20	5	4	11	21	38	14
Yugal	20	3	6	11	24	29	12
B'town	21	4	5	12	22	48	11

DIV 1 - GDE 2

K'gal	20	15	3	2	48	11	33
Manly	20	14	3	3	54	18	31
S'land	20	13	3	4	59	21	29
C-M'vie	21	13	3	5	40	24	29
Auburn	20	9	5	6	35	28	23
Rockdale	20	9	3	8	43	39	21
B'kstown	20	8	2	10	29	32	18
W'gah	20	6	4	10	22	40	16
Monaro	21	6	2	13	22	46	14
Avala	20	3	4	13	18	41	11
Yugal	20	3	3	14	14	55	9
Polonia	20	2	4	14	19	49	8

DIV 1 - GDE 3

S'land	18	13	3	2	47	19	29
C-M'vie	19	13	2	4	42	19	28
Manly	18	13	1	4	41	17	27
Polonia	17	12	1	5	41	17	24
Auburn	18	11	1	6	44	25	23
B'kstown	18	7	2	9	25	26	16
Rockdale	18	6	0	12	19	42	12
Avala	19	5	1	13	30	44	11
Yugal	17	5	0	12	16	43	10
K'gal	18	5	0	13	14	43	10
W'gah	18	3	2	13	21	46	8

DIV 2 - GDE 1

Fairy M	20	16	1	3	48	17	33
W'gong M	19	12	6	1	36	12	30
Bathurst	20	11	7	2	36	15	29
Dee Why	19	11	5	3	51	19	27
Norths	20	9	5	6	37	27	23
Rev Wkrs	20	8	6	6	30	22	22
B'ktown U	19	8	5	6	39	22	21
Glad-Hby	19	9	3	7	33	24	21
Artarmon	19	4	3	13	29	58	11
Belmore	19	2	6	11	15	40	10
Pen Utd	18	3	3	12	22	47	9
Parra City	20	3	2	15	33	62	8
NSW Uni	19	3	2	14	15	58	8

DIV 2 - GDE 2

B'ktown U	19	15	3	1	63	11	33
Rev Wkrs	20	10	7	3	42	20	27
Norths	20	10	7	3	38	24	27
Dee Why	19	10	4	5	41	18	24
Fairy M	20	10	3	7	36	24	23
Glades	19	8	4	7	33	23	20
Art'mon	20	9	2	9	43	51	20
W'gong M	19	7	4	8	36	37	18
Pen Utd	18	6	2	10	29	47	14
Bathurst	20	5	3	12	14	42	13
Par City	20	3	4	13	26	48	10
Belmore	19	4	2	13	24	47	10
NSW Uni	19	3	3	13	15	57	9

DIV 2 - GDE 3

Belmore	19	15	2	2	71	10	32
B'ktown U	19	12	6	1	49	11	30
Pen Utd	18	12	3	3	49	24	27
Bathurst	20	12	1	7	41	24	25
Norths	20	10	4	6	45	25	24
Glades	19	8	7	4	38	15	23
Artarmon	20	8	4	8	46	42	20
Dee Why	19	7	5	7	26	41	19
NSW Uni	19	7	4	8	31	25	18
Parra C	19	6	2	11	24	35	14
Fairy M	20	1	7	12	17	39	9
Rev Wkrs	20	3	2	15	13	65	8
W'gong	19	1	0	18	12	103	2

DIV 3 - GDE 1

C City	20	15	2	3	43	12	32
Q Park	21	12	4	5	46	22	28
Bondi	21	11	5	5	38	25	27
King Tom	20	8	6	6	41	29	22
Mo'bank	20	8	5	7	34	27	21
Pt Hack	19	8	5	6	33	32	21
B'kham H	20	8	4	8	26	34	20
Nth Ryde	20	7	3	10	25	24	17
K'ford	19	7	3	9	27	30	17
Mt Druitt	20	7	2	11	26	39	16
CSI	20	4	6	10	28	52	14
Lane C	20	2	1	17	18	59	5

DIV 3 - GDE 2

Bondi	21	14	4	3	53	16	32
C'twn City	20	13	2	5	59	25	30
K'ford	19	13	3	5	56	26	29
Q Park	21	11	3	7	45	27	25
CSI	20	11	3	6	40	34	25
Nth Ryde	20	9	5	6	34	25	23
M'bank	20	8	3	9	34	27	19
King Tom	20	7	2	11	37	47	16
Pt Hack	19	6	3	10	41	39	15
B Hills	20	7	1	12	35	37	15
Mt Druitt	20	3	3	14	34	55	9
Lane C	20	0	2	18	11	122	2

DIV 3 - GDE 3

B Hills	20	15	5	0	77	11	35
Bondi	21	15	4	2	52	22	34
C'twn City	20	13	5	2	66	18	31
Pt H'king	22	12	6	4	39	26	30
Mt Druitt	21	13	2	6	49	23	28
Q Park	21	7	6	8	34	34	20
M'bank	20	8	4	8	26	41	20
K'ford	20	8	2	10	25	36	18
King Tom	20	7	4	9	24	43	18
Nth Ryde	21	5	0	16	20	74	6
CSI	20	2	0	18	10	93	4
Lane Cove	22	0	0	22	0	0	0

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION PRESENTS

TOP ACTION SOCCER DIVISION 1

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26:

Warringah-N'been v Avala N'been Fitness Camp

Yugal v Manly Fraser Park

Polonia v Auburn Chopin Park

***Bankstown v Rockdale Hurstville Oval**

***Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland Parklands Oval**

**Denotes 2nd & 3rd grade only*

DIVISION 2

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25:
Penrith Utd v Parra City Cook Pk
W'gong Mac v Uni of NSW Berkeley Spts
Artarmon v Dee Why Artarmon Reserve
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26:
Nth Bankstown v Fairy Meadow Potts Park
Glades-Hby v Revesby Wkrs Pioneer Pk
Belmore v B'ktown Utd B'k Oval
Dee Why v W'gong Mac Cromer Pk

DIVISION 3

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25:
Moorebank v Baulkham Hills Hammondville Pk
Grd Lane Cove Utd v Nth Ryde Pottery Green
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26:
King Tom v C'town City King Tomislav Pk
CSI v Kingsford Schofields Pk
Pt Hacking v Mt Druitt Seymour Shaw Pk

NEXT WEEK

DIVISION 1

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:

Rockdale Ilinden v Manly Seymour Shaw Pk

Inter-Monaro v Avala Marco Polo Oval

Auburn v Bankstown Knight Park

C'bury-M'ville v Sutherland Arlington Oval

Yugal v Ku-ring-gai TBA

Warringah v Polonia N'been Fit. Camp

DIVISION 2

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:
Dee Why v Nth Bankstown Cromer Pk
Fairy Meadow v Glades-Hby Corimal Mem Pk
Revesby Wkrs v Penrith Utd Milperra Reserve
Parra City v W'gong Mac Garside Pk
Uni of NSW v Belmore Little Bay Oval
Bathurst v B'ktown Utd Proctor Park

DIVISION 3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:
Bondi Marine v Kingsford Syd Athletic Field
Pt Hacking v C'town City Seymour Shaw Pk
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:
Mt Druitt v Baulkham Hills Poppendetta Pk
Moorebank v Nth Ryde Hammondville Pk
Queens Pk v Lane Cove Utd Astrolabe Pk
CSI v King Tom Schofield Pk



COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP FINAL



EPPING OUTGUNS HENRY KENDALL

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ESTABLISHED boys high school Epping edged out Central Coast's relative newcomers Henry Kendall 1-0 in an exciting Commonwealth Bank Soccer Club final at Marconi Stadium.

After going through an early 10 minutes in which Henry Kendall appeared likely to overcome the Epping defence and take a commanding lead, the Epping team settled to their task.

Sweeper Ian Robertson (Henry Kendall) took a free-kick in the first phase and striker Lindsay Webb got his head to the ball but hoisted it past the post.

Epping's towering clearances lessened and they began to play a better brand of football.

Jamie Smith, Epping's right striker, defended well and also attacked with zest.

Right throughout their skipper Darren Eagleson sprayed the ball forward to keep his lines clear.

It was, however, the Henry Kendall boys who had the best chance of the half.

Phil Craft's 25 metre shot swung just over the bar and Henry Kendall had missed taking the lead.



If anything the players threw too much into the game and referee Ken Small had more ground to cover than he has in any National League game.

The exception to this was "Man of the Match" Alan Kent of Henry Kendall, who treated the big crowd to his European-type skills.

Epping's dangerous striker Scott Roots was laid out after half-time, but he revealed his tremendous spirit by coming back with a vengeance to score the winner.

Two passes and Roots was in possession. He

evaded two defenders and skirted to the left of goal.

Then with complete presence of mind he drove between diving goalkeeper Glen Francis and the upright, and Epping had the winner.

Immediately afterwards, Epping central striker Neil Harris was through after an uncharacteristic miss by Henry Kendall left-back Phil Craft, but his shot went marginally wide.

Angelo Stanimeros was almost through for Henry Kendall but Epping was on top.

The Henry Kendall boys said afterwards that they thought they had gone off the boil at the wrong time.

Despite that, centre-back Steve McCrohon and striker Lindsay Webb both went close in injury time.

Afterwards the special guest, Australia and Liverpool's Craig Johnston, congratulated the teams on such a willing display.

"I have seen young

footballers all over the world and we are well up with the best," he said.

"This was a game that really impressed me and the only minor criticism I could offer was that the boys were a little over anxious at times."



SCOTT ROOTS

Yes, there was a bit too much drive at times too much drive at times too consummate skills.

But for effort and honest-to-goodness drive, it was a final to remember.



ABOVE AND BELOW: Action from the final.



Jack Warren, the Commonwealth Bank's director of public relations, presents Epping captain Darren Eagleson with the Cup.

SCHOLARSHIP'S ADDED BONUS

WINNERS of Australian Soccer Weekly's scholarships to the Johnny Warren Soccer Academy at Gold Creek Homestead, Canberra in the forthcoming school holidays will have an unexpected bonus.

Liverpool's million dollar man Craig Johnston will be a special guest coach during the week.

Johnston will spend four days at the live in camps passing on his worldly advice to the youngsters.



JOHN BROWN

Apart from involvement with the Academy Johnston will also spend time with the Australian Institute of Sport team and be a special guest at the Canberra Arrows VIP club on September 5 when the guest speaker will be the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Recreation, John Brown.

The ASW scholarship winners were: Sasha Jankovic, Philip Pirie, Anthony Starinos, Philip Beale, Duncan Frankston, Sean Edwards, Steve Pappas, Paul Maric, Rodney Lee, John Maljevac.



The John Warren Man of the Match medal — Warren (right) and Craig Johnston make the presentation to Alan Kent.



HENRY KENDALL — runners-up in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup.



EPPING BOYS' HIGH — first-time winners.

YOUTH LEAGUE MUST BE SORTED OUT

THE powers-that-be must do some urgent culling out so that the NSW Youth League achieves its proper purpose next season.

That is the inescapable conclusion to be drawn from this year's competitions.

Too many clubs have been admitted to the competitions. As a result in too many cases the standard of play has been diluted.

The rot has set in to the extent that it's not just a simple matter of introducing promotion and relegation on a strength of club basis.

Some junior clubs, even though they may have a connection to clubs up to State League level, must be

re-directed back to their local district associations.

Standard

They would be at their right standard in the first, second or third divisions of their local competitions.

And high-class players in their ranks could take up the option of joining the better Youth League clubs, no matter whether they represent associations or the junior units of senior clubs.

This season, no fewer than 112 teams were accepted into the com-

petitions, which embrace Under 13, 14, 15 and 16 grades.

Some districts have teams drawn from National League, State League, and clubs from lower State League divisions.

To all this are added district association representative teams.

A look at the final competition tables (ASW July 24) clearly shows that some clubs are well out of their grades in the spread over the different age-groups.

Looking back some years, there were separate

Metropolitan Championship and Youth League competitions.

Inevitably these two groups decided to work in together.

Too great

The scheme looked like succeeding until the acceptances became too great.

The other side of the coin is that district associations are being robbed of the standard and numbers of players they need at the 17-19 years age-groupings to carry on their objectives.

This is certainly a problem area for them, as the best of the players have quite correctly been creamed off to senior clubs.

They need to maintain their competitions, because in spite of what some people in senior football may think, the game must be carried on at the level that conforms with the abilities of the players.

Based on 1983 figures, Southern and Eastern Association has only nine teams from U15 to U21.

Southern Districts has seven teams in U17/U18, St George 12, Nepean six, Manly 13, Illawarra 10 and Blacktown seven.

In Southern and Eastern's case, Sydney City, Yugal, Rockdale and Sydney Olympic

are clubs that all draw entirely or to a fair degree on that one association.

Southern and Eastern with 225 teams is by far the smallest Sydney association.

Inevitable

It needs assistance in this vital area of Soccer development — and not unfairly having its lifeblood sapped away.

Despite some popular opinions over the years, it is inevitable that there will be lesser teams and players in grades from U15 to U21 than in the younger age-groupings.

Youth players have various commitments in education, employment and so on.

Taking into account the 56 Youth League teams in U-15 and U16 grades, there are more than 700 teams from U15 to U21 in the 13 Sydney associations.

All is not lost on the face of these figures.

But there is a serious imbalance between the Youth League and the districts. Above that, there is too much dilation in football standards in the Youth League.

It is up to the administrators to fix this, even though some clubs will feel that they have been unfairly hurt by returning to the districts.



FINLAY IN HOSPITAL

OUR regular country correspondent Frank Finlay leaves for Melbourne at the end of the month.

He will undergo a very serious operation and fans who have followed his keenly researched stories in ASW will wish him well.

Frank Finlay in his earlier days was a Hungarian Olympic gymnast and also a First Division Soccer star in his home country.



FRANK FINLAY
— Photo Wagga Photographics



NSW Amateur Federation secretary Frank Wilson at work in the new Amateur office at the Parklea development at Mourants Lane, Parklea.

COUNTRY TO QUEENSLAND

THIS year's opening gambit for NSW Country representative teams already has had its sequel.

NSW Amateur Soccer Federation vice president Bob Maundrell is one of a band that wishes to play Queensland in Brisbane next season.

Already Soccer personality and former Soccer captain Johnny Warren has donated a magnificent trophy to mark the event.

Recently, the Country squads conducted a raffle to cover expenses of the teams in this year's series.

First prize, ticket 365 went to J. Lew of Bathurst and second, ticket 721, to G. Tselong of Golden Fleece, Mittagong.



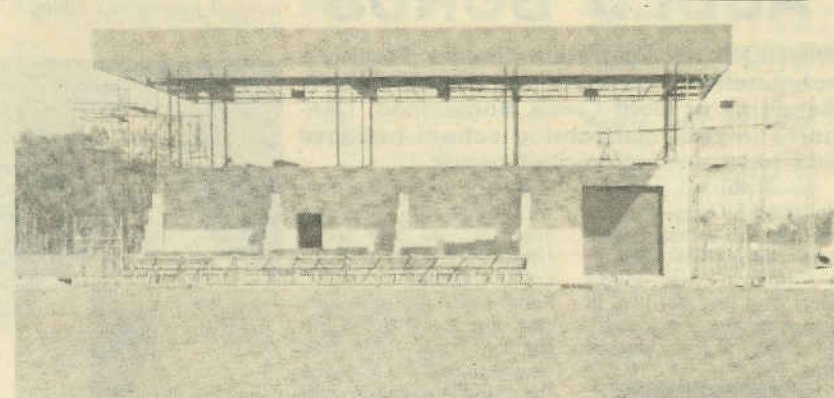
A Sylvania player (double vertical stripe) gets in ahead of a Miranda Magpie.

PHOTOS

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Bob Maundrell (Griffith) receives a silver tray and goblet in recognition of his work in assisting to establish the NSW Country junior representative teams.



Across The Waves Sporting Club at Bundaberg is always ready to improve its situation. Here is the partly completed grandstand and facilities block at their ground.

A TILT AT COACHING

BRUCE TILT, the captain of Third Division State League club Port Hacking, has taken over as Sutherland Shire's director of coaching.

Tilt had a successful career in NSW State League with Bankstown, Auburn and Avala.

He left State League football at the end of 1983 so that he could put more time into coaching.

Certainly he had been heading in the direction of coaching for a long time.

In 1980 he passed out as ASF Senior coach.

From next season his main emphasis will be on

coaching rather than playing.

Bruce Tilt, now a true light-blue Soccer Shark, started out in Soccer in the big Bankstown district, where he moved from the U14 representative side to the senior club.

He is in no doubt about the source of his keenness in coaching.

"Both Vic Dalglish and Alan Vest inspired me to take up coaching. They both helped a lot," he said.

Tilt took over as Sutherland's U14 Youth League coach.

His first aim is to bring more skills training to U11 and U12 players.

"Not enough junior coaches can teach the basic skills that are needed in top Soccer," he said.

Bruce Tilt is brim full of enthusiasm, and that is great news for Sutherland's 8,000 juniors.

YOUTH LEAGUE WIN FOR MARCONI

MARCONI capped a night of magnificent football at St George Stadium by taking the U16 honours 1-0 from under Sydney Olympic's nose right on the death knock.

Ken Baker hammered a pearl of a drive on to the posts and then Robert Fontana pounced to whisk the ball in.

Master coach Alfredo Moschen had every reason to be delighted with his team's performance. The game was so close that the "Man of the Match" award went to Steve Chilas, who was on the losing side.

In the early play, Marconi's Robert Giansante almost scored but Gus Petratos saved on the line.

Olympic kept pressing, with Theo Kotsias and Nick Rodopoulos combining well and then Kotsias' snap shot brought the best out of excellent Marconi goalkeeper Joe Micallef.

Fontana scored but right at the end Rodopoulos all but found an equaliser.

MARCONI: J. Micallef, R. Giansante, J. Konec, K. Baker, R. Caldeiran, S. Cardillo, G. Lucitti, W. Levi, D. Chambers, R. Fontana, S. Girardi.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: F. Bragias, G. Petratos, P. Silva, A. Chilas, C. Siatris, N. Custambasidis, N. Genaris, T. Kotsias, D. Harris, N. Rodopoulos, T. Andromedias.

NEAT(E) GOALS!

STATE sprinter Troy Neate collected three runaway goals in APIA-Leichhardt's 5-0 U15 win over Sydney Olympic.

Playing wide on the right, Neate broke through in the sixth minute to rifle the ball home.

APIA followed with a great run by Tony Genovese, but as the game progressed Olympic defenders Andrew Diavatiotis and Peter Karahonizitis temporarily got on top.

David Barrett and Tony Daniels were both followed by some super goalkeeping by APIA's Lahiff, the Man of the Match.

But then the flood gates broke. Neate flew through along the right, Haunold came with a glorious header and Neate scored again.

To complete Olympic's misery it was Coiro who netted a penalty for APIA right on full-time.

In spite of the wide margin, it was a game of exceptional skill between two fine adversaries.

APIA-LEICHHARDT: Lahiff, Bourke, A. Radice, Coiro, Haunold, Neate, Zappia, Bresolin, D. Radice, A. Genovese, A. Sinclair.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: C. Tsoustras, A. Diavatiotis, D. Barrett, G. Adamos, J. Melissourgos, B. Pliatikas, M. Moffatt, G. Nouis, A. Daniels, P. Karahonizitis, G.

TURNER CUP FINALS

TWO Newcastle, one Sydney and one South Coast Schools will fight out the semi-finals of the Bill Turner Cup at Macquarie Field, Speers Point tonight (Tuesday).

And on Wednesday night the final takes place, at the same ground, with the third-place play off as the early game.

The matches are: TUESDAY: 6pm, Corrimal HS v Patrician Brothers Fairfield; 7.30pm, Booragul HS v Wallsend HS. WEDNESDAY: 6pm, Third place play-off, 7.30pm, Final.

Results of the quarter final round were: Patrician Brothers 1, St Dominics 0; Corrimal 3, Canobolas (Orange) 0; Booragul 3, Killarney

U14s GO TO EXTRA TIME

SYDNEY OLYMPIC won the U14 final 4-3 on penalties with the last kick in the penalty shoot-out after the teams ended scoreless after extra-time.

This was a gripping match in which the sheer power of the big Olympic team was equalled by the quick-moving skills of the Illawarra boys.

With the strong downfield breeze in Olympic's favour, Guiseppe Russo and Darren Corbett had Illawarra goalkeeper Shane Hawken under pressure.

Illawarra had chances through Robbie Perrie and Jamie Warren and then again Russo and Corbett combined again beautifully for Olympic.

The Coast boys had the pressure on again in extra-time, but although they gained a one penalty advantage, Olympic draw level and then edged out their rivals 4-3.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Pirie, P. Xenos, S. Georgakakis, L. Triantafyllou, D. Corbett, G. Giannopoulos, E. Hrst, G. Russo, G. Bard, S. Reffenes, P. Mazzone.

ILLAWARRA: S. Hawken, P. Bott, M. Troth, I. Padewski, J. Allport, J. Higgs, S. Hull, M. Bonetig, S. Beatie, J. Warren, R. Perri (A. Algie).

U13 WIN TO THE SAINTS

ST GEORGE opened proceedings with two excellent second half goals to defeat the strong Melita Eagles line-up 2-0.

The first goal was a gem, particularly as it came hard upon a period of Melita pressure.

GOOD GROUNDS TO COMPLAIN

GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY Football Association officials are awaiting advice from Ryde Municipal Council concerning possibilities of a major ground.

The Association has found that the Santa Rosa ground would not accommodate a full-sized playing pitch.

In addition the funds needed to prepare the ground, which has drawbacks from the original creek,

John Kakakios initiated the move and passed on to Ivan Catarovic. Lanky Hassan Khamis did more than anyone else by finding a space and then Chris Eliades picked his spot to score.

By now St George really had the pressure on their opponents and Khamis made the space to do his own thing.

He cut past a Melita challenger five metres outside the penalty box and surged through to beat Tony Rizzotto with an unstoppable low placement.

St George goalkeeper Mitch Ionnay was voted Man of the Match by a narrow margin.

Things might have been against him in the first half but a well directed shot by Paul Wroblewski hit the posts and came out.

Over the season Saints also took out the club championship by four points from Olympic.

ST GEORGE: D. Ionnay, I. Catarovic, J. Smith, L. Dimitropoulos, J. Kakakios, H. Goldstein, S. Suteriou, G. Moffitt, S. Jee, H. Khamis, C. Eliades, (A. Puntigam).

MELITA: T. Rizzotto, T. Boskovski, J. Morgan, M. Reilly, G. Dickenson, W. Ardane, A. Leatherbarrow, J. Falzon, P. Rago, D. Cerjak, P. Wroblewski.

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

U10: Aug. 25/26 - Orange Waratah, East Orange

U11: Aug. 25/27 - West End Oval, Griffith

U12: Aug. 25/27 - Bomaderry Sports Oval, Bomaderry

U13: Sept. 7/9 - Parklea Complex, Parklea

U14: Aug. 25/27 - Parklea Complex, Parklea

U15: Aug. 25/27 - Parklea Complex, Parklea

U16: Sept. 7/9 - Parklea Complex, Parklea

WINNERS CAN SMILE . . .



Cheers for the U6 grade winners at the Como Soccer club's carnival.

WHAT GIVES AT BLACKTOWN?

THERE seems to be a strong feeling around their Seven Hills headquarters that the Blacktown Demons could phase out their famed junior "Super Squad".

It is believed that the scheme which was originally said to involve \$50,000 a year is on the skids.

Probably no more than \$20,000 has been laid out in any year — and no doubt less.

Dave Lee and Frank Bertinetti have been doing a great job.

Skills do matter. The credibility of the Demons appears to be at stake.

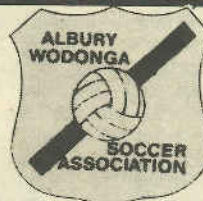
BORDER ROW

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE undisputable fact that Albury-Wodonga straddles the NSW-Victoria border continues to bring administrative problems.

The matter has blown up with a report that teams from Cobram and Benalla (Vic) would be joining the Association next season.

NSW Amateur official Bob Maundrell pointed out that there is a strict ruling to be observed in these matters.



If any Victorian Soccer club wishes to affiliate with Albury-Wodonga, it must have the approval of both the Victorian Soccer Federation and the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.



Nepean District U15 action between St Joseph's (left) and Hawkesbury.

KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR

COACHES

UNDER 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 FOR 1985 SEASON

Applications, stating qualifications and experience, are to be addressed to:—

Mr. R. Woods, Secretary, 29 Yeramba St., TURRAMURRA 2074.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1984.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

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CLUB MEN HELP OUT

BY PHIL MURPHY

THE return of two former experienced team members could mean the difference between gaining promotion to State League or missing out for Fairy Meadow.

FAIRY MEADOW looked to be lacking in depth when they lost full-back Richard Picc for three weeks recently.

Officials immediately contacted Tony Charnock and Graeme Gardiner, who are on the club's books but hadn't played this season.

Both responded to the SOS and Charnock played first grade at left full-back within five days of resuming training.

Coach Mike Johnson took something of a gamble with Charnock, throwing him straight into a vital clash with Dee Why, but he was outstanding in the team's 3-0 win.

"I have to admit he surprised me by playing such a strong game on coming back at such short notice," Johnson said.

"He must be in top physical shape because I thought it would take a while for him to regain match fitness."

Gardiner is also training solidly and coming back in reserve grade and he could be a big asset in the next week or so.

hat-trick against Belmore and starting a good run of goals in the team's unbeaten spell.

When Wollongong played Bathurst recently and drew 1-1, King was off-target and the "critics" were after his scalp again.

Who'd be a striker these days?

PREMIER LEAGUE semi-finals without West-Figtree sound strange, but that could be the case this year.

The Illawarra champions are in danger of taking fifth spot after a bad run of results.

In what their supporters described as a "horror stretch" of three games, Figtree lost 0-1 to Bellambi, 1-3 to Warilla and 0-1 to Fernhill.

Coach Adrian Ringland has stuck by his players despite some bad results this season but he has been having a few sleepless nights recently.

The premiership winds up on Saturday and it will be the moment of truth for the popular Figtree coach.

SOCCKER fans are a fickle lot...

At the start of the season, Wollongong Macedonia striker Barney King was struggling to get goals and the club fans were giving him a bad time.

One week they demanded that officials get rid of him but coach John Bingham refused, saying the player would prove himself.

One week later King was the hero, having scored a

VIOLENCE has flared again in Illawarra and this time during the Under 19 game between Lysaght's and Warilla Sports.

Referee Frank Paulle had to abandon the game with the score 1-1 after an all-in brawl broke out among the players.

Paulle had earlier sent three players from the field and at least one of these is reported to have returned when the fight started.

PHOENIX CAN'T SCORE GOALS

WITH all Tasmanian State League games postponed because of ground conditions — reminiscent of 1974, when the Soccer programme was disrupted for several weeks because of rain — it may be appropriate to look at the present league situation.

Only Phoenix and Croatia were active last week. Croatia beat Phoenix 2-0 and eased their relegation worries while Phoenix, who have now played a game more than all the other sides, seem destined for the drop.

Phoenix are two points adrift of Croatia and their appalling goal difference (-29) makes the task of avoiding relegation very difficult.

The form of Rod Sanders has been a big disappointment. He joined the club from Ulverstone with a fearsome reputation (53 goals last season for Ulverstone's State League reserves) but has scored only one league goal for Phoenix.

It is significant that Sanders was played as a defensive midfielder against Croatia and not in attack.

The sorriest figure on the night must surely have been Phoenix goalkeeper, John Geappen. He played superbly, only to fall to a

"sucker punch" in the 80th minute when Tony Bacic's shot appeared to go through Geappen's legs for the opening goal.

Juventus may benefit most from the postponement of the weekend's matches.

They are still four points clear at the top, despite their surprising and heavy 1-5 defeat by Caledonians.

Ian Parker, last year's top goalscorer — he shared the honour with Olympia's Perry Forster, both scoring 18 goals — leads the scoring chart with 11 goals. Forster is having a rather lean time and has scored a mere six goals.

University's Peter Crowther is the undisputed penalty king of the league. Seven of his nine goals have been scored from the spot.

Ironically, he could be level at the top with Parker if he had not missed two of his three penalties against Caledonians.

THERESA'S A TOP KEEPER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THERESA JONES, Victoria's reliable goalkeeper, has once again been selected in the Australian squad by coach, Jimmy Selby, for the tour to China late October.

This Victorian goalkeeper, will be making her third tour with the Australian squad.

Theresa first represented Australia when they toured New Zealand in 1980, then followed this up when selected for the team to tour New Caledonia last November to compete in the inaugural Oceania Cup tournament staged in Noumea.

Theresa is an independent type of girl, and it is no wonder she is her own boss earning her living as an owner-driver courier.

Born February 20, 1963, Newport, South Wales in the U.K., Theresa began her Soccer career as a sprightly 12 year, playing on the right wing.

Standing at 5'4", Theresa is currently player-coach of Dandenong City. She previously

played for Dandenong North and for Waverley City.

We asked Theresa who was her favourite women's Soccer player.

"I would have to say Tracey Singleton from Box Hill."

She also told us that many people have helped her during her career, but made special mention of three people.

"My father has been a great inspiration to me. Also, Margaret Roy, Victoria's Under 15s coach, was very helpful to me."

"Lou Kastner, the goalkeeper from Croydon, gave me great assistance as well," Theresa told us.

As far as overseas stars?

"Well there are many. But Peter Shilton, England's goalkeeper, is all class and style. He'd have to be the best in the world. I also like Glenn Hoddle from Spurs. He's

fabulous to watch."

Theresa's ambitions in life?

"To be generally happy with my own feelings, and to achieve always a little better at what I am doing."

To date, Theresa has represented Australia three times. We asked her which match was the most memorable in her career?

"I would have to say the first match I represented Australia in goals. It was in 1980 in New Zealand when our first goalkeeper, Toni McMahon was knocked out and taken to hospital. I came on to replace her."

How can Australian Women's Soccer be improved in this country?

"We should be concentrating on the youngsters by giving them good, solid teachings. This should be done very early to avoid them picking up wrong techniques and bad habits."



Theresa stated.

Theresa when 17 years old, suffered a dislocated knee cap, but since then, has only sustained the normal knocks and bruises expected for a goalkeeper.

What are some of Theresa's pet hates in women's Soccer?

"Most referees misunderstanding us generally, and girls playing the game who have no ambition to do better for themselves in the sport. I'm referring to players with a lackadaisical attitude."

So what's the answer?

"Referees to be encouraged to like officiating our games and take a more genuine interest in the girls. Also for non-ambitious players, socials after matches to be organised, to stimulate a stronger interest for these girls within Soccer," Miss Theresa Jones concluded.

Theresa will accompany NSW's goalkeeper, Vicky (Saf) Salmons, also selected for Australia, to tour China.

TRAVEL BLUES IN NORTH NSW

WITH the State coach having to travel more than 500 kilometres to training to be with his side for each session, a lot of dedication had to be shown by him and the women of the Northern N.S.W. state side.

Lionel Sneyd, living on the Central Coast with distinction in the Australian side.

Because of the distance that the girls in the team had to cover, from the Far North Coast near the Queensland border to Armidale and Tamworth in the northwest, the decision was made to hold coaching sessions at Wauchope, which is about the halfway point.

Lionel told me that because of the wet weather, he had only been able to get his side together twice before he took them into camp for a final honing of skills the week before the national titles.

Seven of the 18 players in the squad are new to top selection.

The captain of the side is JULIE PORTER, who moved from the South Coast of N.S.W., earlier this year to play for the Central Coast side of Budgewoi.

Julie is not unknown to women's football having played for N.S.W., for many years and in South Coast rep. team. She will be playing in midfield, a position where she has played with distinction in the Australian side.

RENAE ISERIEF, who is playing for the State for the sixth time, will be the main striker again this year.

A tall, robust runner with a devastating kick, Renae is also a key player in the Australian side. She plays for the Central Coast side.

Playing in her third year as a State goalie, JANELLE RENSHAW first played for Northern in 1982 in Brisbane. She comes from Tamworth and is a useful field player as well.

Central Coast player Robyn Bennett is an experienced full-back and is in her sixth year as a representative player.

She is an attacking full-back and can play either left or right field. This is her ninth year as a Soccer player.

GERALDINE PROSSER, at 22, is playing her Soccer on the far north coast of N.S.W. and has played for six years.

This will be her second State cap, having represented in Brisbane.

KAREN MENZIES, the second most senior member of the team, started playing Soccer in 1977.

She has represented Northern N.S.W. from 1977 to 1984, missing out in 1978 and '82 through injury and study.

Karen played for Australia last year as a central defender, a position she will take in the Northern line-up.

KERYN ZAERKLER, a defender in the side, comes from the University of New England at Armidale.

This will be her second appearance as a State player having represented in Perth last year.

BARBARA WEBSTER, 18, comes into the side having represented Northern twice before.

She is also from the U.N.E. and is playing in the midfield. Barbara has played Soccer for four years now and a product of the younger players coming forward.

At 14, HELEN WATTS got a taste of senior representative football when she was taken to Brisbane

DON BALMAIN'S WOMEN'S SOCCER

to play in the 1982 championships.

This will be her sixth year of Soccer and she gained much experience in that time. She is an attacking forward and has also been chosen for the Australian side to tour later this year.

Coming up from the Under 15 side and playing in her first senior championship is HEATHER GORDON.

Another up-and-coming young star in the making, Heather plays her football in Tamworth and is a midfielder.

From the strong Macquarie district in Newcastle comes LISA DUNNE. She will be played as a wing forward in the side and came into State selection when she was chosen for the 1983 side to go to Perth.

A player capable of taking any position on the field is PENNY MILLER, 19, from Tamworth.

Obtaining her first State berth in the side which almost took the title in Brisbane in 1982, Penny has played Soccer for

six years.

From the far north coast city, of Lismore comes another first-timer, SHARON PERRY, a strong half-back.

The second goalkeeper is an up-and-coming player of the future.

DEBRA BONSHORE, from the Macquarie association in Newcastle, is playing in her first series of matches for the senior side.

The youngest member of the side is JANITA WHITE, who plays for Tamworth. She is 14 and a promising full-back. Janita has been brought into the side for experience this trip.

BEVERLEY PARTON from the UNE is playing in her third year and this time will be turning out as a utility defender.

The remaining two players on the list are two newcomers to the side as well. JOAN POETSCHKA from Tamworth has been selected as a half-back and TINEKE DE BOER from Armidale will take a full-back role.

OXLEY GIRLS WIN

OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL, from Tamworth in the Peel Valley, scored a third minute goal through Angie Birchall to defeat Kirrawee High School 1-0 and win the 1984 Ku-ring-gai Cup.

No less than 190 schools started out in this magnificent competition and the Oxley girls' win was a fitting reward for their enthusiasm.

For the winning goal the ball came across and Birchall just managed to pilot it past goalkeeper Linda Woodger in the awkward spot just inside the post.

Midway through the first half, Kerri Steele of Kirrawee broke through with only the goalkeeper to beat but Michelle Smith smothered well and

cleared.

It was Oxley's turn next and Caroline Singleton combined well with Birchall and Karen Lambert.

Oxley switched Michelle Smith from goal to the field and Karen Lambert went into goal. If anything, team play improved.

In the end Kirrawee's Jodie Walker took her free-kick from outside the box.

Noeline Bramble drove high. Lambert covered in goal and the sentimental favourites Oxley had won a great match.

— KEITH GILMOUR



The victorious Oxley High girls' team after winning the Ku-ring-gai Cup.

HUGHES TAKES OVER

PROMOTED
Netherlands side
MVV Maastricht
has appointed a
46-year-old Wel-
shman as man-
ager-coach.

The job has gone to Barry Hughes, who has had coaching success in Holland in recent years.

Maastricht is nearly three hours by road from Hughes' home in the north of Holland, so he goes home only on the weekends ... by air.

ITALY'S BIG GUNS AT OLYMPICS

WHEN Italy played Yugoslavia for the bronze medal in the Olympic Games football tournament, the crowd of 67,000 included a large contingent from the Italian navy.

An Italian battleship was at the U.S. naval base in San Diego, so it put to sea and steamed 800 kilometres up the Californian coast to Palo Alto where the match was being played.

That's a novel way of going to a match — and it does avoid traffic snarls on California's congested highways!

ITALIAN CLUB'S BIG LOSS

A.C MILAN must be regretting the big cash lost on the transfer of English international Luther Blissett.

Blissett cost the Italian club \$1,700,000 when he joined them from Watford a year ago.

He is now back in England and will probably kick

off the new season with his old Watford teammates next Saturday.

And the best fee Milan can get for Blissett is \$500,000.

Loss over 12 months

... more than a million dollars.

Even for a wealthy Italian club, that looks very bad business.



KEMPES DEAL IS OFF



ARGENTINA'S Mario Kempes is not, after all, joining Tottenham Hotspur.

Kempes had several trial games with the London team, hoping to join them on a free transfer from Valencia, but the projected transfer did not materialise.

According to a Spurs official: "Kempes was not fit enough to go through a long season in English football."

NO MEDIA RESPITE

TERRY VENABLES didn't take long to realise he faces problems with the Spanish press as boss of Barcelona.

Everything is black and white — there are no shady areas with the Soccer media in Spain's second city.

If the team wins a

couple of games, it is alleged to be sure to win the championship. But two defeats brings bitter criticism for manager, players and di-

rectors.

Trouble is, Barcelona has a never-quenched thirst for sporting news. There are three sporting newspapers ev-

ery day and each has up to 10 pages to fill.

Then there are seven daily papers, two weekly sports magazines and nine radio stations.

And all of these media outlets seek sporting news constantly — in particular news about Barcelona Football Club!

HENRI HITS GOLD

THE gold medal at the L.A. Olympics brought France's new national coach Henri Michel instant success as successor to Michel Hidalgo.

The new French boss is 35 and the Olympic Games was the first competition he has been in as national coach.

With the European Championship and the Olympic Games title in France's possession, who can doubt that France, after many years making no impact on world Soccer, is now one of the major powers in the sport?

MENOTTI GOES TO GERMANY

CESAR LUIS MENOTTI, who left Barcelona a few months ago, did not return to his native Argentina and is still in Europe.

The famous World Cup-winning coach asked if he could take part in Cologne's training sessions and the coach of the German team, Hennes Lohr, agreed, saying he was "honoured and delighted."

There is still plenty of talk linking Menotti with Mexico's World Cup preparations, possibly with the job of national coach going to him.

Although England's Tottenham Hotspur has made Peter Shreeves team manager, Menotti is also being suggested as a recruit to Spurs' coaching staff.



MENOTTI

GOMES COULD MOVE

FERNANDO GOMES, the prolific goalscorer from Portugal, is rumoured to be on Tottenham Hotspur's shopping list.

Gomes would be an admirable replacement for Steve Archibald, now with Barcelona, but Spurs manager Peter Shreeves refuses to confirm he wants the Portuguese star.

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AT 39, and with 512 club games for Werder Bremen and 23 internationals behind him, Klaus Fichtel has decided to retire.

Fichtel is taking over as assistant-coach with Schalke.

AUSTRIA may have a proud tradition in European football but it is a constant struggle for clubs in that country to attract crowds.

The major competition has been reduced from 16 to 12 clubs, purely because of finance, but the smaller league will not operate until 1985-86 season.

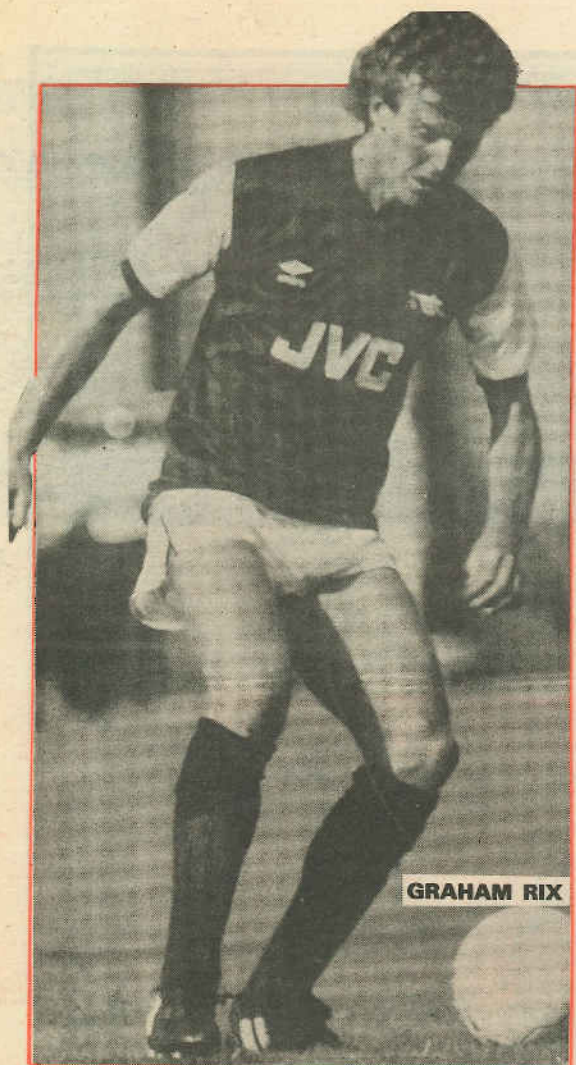
Only two years ago, the Austrian league grew from 10 to its present 16 clubs.

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UEFA's new president is Jacques Georges of France, who has been caretaker-president since the death of Italy's Artemio Franchi.

Georges was unanimously elected for a period of two years.

It is a fitting appointment in the year in which his nation won the European Championship.



GRAHAM RIX

RIX INJURY BLOW UPSETS ARSENAL

GRAHAM RIX, Arsenal's captain, sees a specialist this week for a verdict on achilles tendon injuries in both feet.

According to reports, the injuries are serious enough to jeopardise his future in football.

"It hurts to even walk," complained Rix.

In fact, Rix has trouble standing properly when he gets out of bed in the mornings.

Arsenal have told him to carry on playing but Rix said: "They have no idea how painful it is."

"I suppose the specialist will suggest either complete rest or to play on through the pain barrier. It hurts all the time. I'm struggling."



Rix has had injections with little relief.

The injuries are not new — he had them for most of last season. This could explain the poor form shown by the player in many matches.



ARSENAL had a pre-season shock they could have happily done without.

Top forward Tony Woodcock complained of constant headaches and was taken to hospital for tests.

He has a virus which kept him hospital. This caused Woodcock to miss the friendly fixture against Celtic in Glasgow, but Arsenal boss Don Howe insisted the complaint was not serious.

TONY WOODCOCK (left) playing for England.

COPPING A BIG POLICE BILL!

THE traditional Glasgow battle between Celtic and Rangers on New Year's Day will not take place this season.

This is the game which frequently brings out the worst in Scottish spectators... and they have a history of riots to prove it.

This season, Celtic and Rangers will keep their Ibrox Park date on

January 3, by which time the fans may have recovered from New Year's Eve celebrations.

The official reason for

the switch from January 1 is the cost of extra police needed on that day.

Rangers normally pay

BILL!

\$20,000 for police at matches but when "the old firm" play on New Year's Day, the police bill is doubled!

TOMMY HOLDS ON TO STAR

TOMMY DOCHERTY, some months ago, phoned friends in Australia asking if anyone wanted to sign Scottish international Asa Hartford.

There were no takers, which is surprising,

bearing in mind Hartford's undoubted talents.

Now the Doc is happy Hartford didn't disappear Down Under.

Hartford will line up for Docherty's new team, Wolves, when the English season starts next Saturday.

CLUBS MISS A GEM

DONCASTER ROVERS 21 year-old team captain Ian Snodin has signed a new two-year contract with the club.

Snodin had been on offer for \$350,000 but there were no acceptable bids for him.

Now Doncaster boss Billy Bremner says: "Next season, clubs will be kicking themselves for not taking the boy."

"He's the best mid-field prospect in the country and is certain to play for England."



MIKE DUXBURY



PAUL WALSH

WHERE WERE THE BRITS?

WITH so many professional players in Olympic Games football teams, British observers reckon a British team should have entered — and would probably have won the gold medal.

Pros are permitted to play so long as they have not represented their country in the World Cup.

This would allow stars like Gary Bailey, Mike Duxbury, Dave Watson, John Barnes, Paul Walsh and many more to play Olympic Soccer.

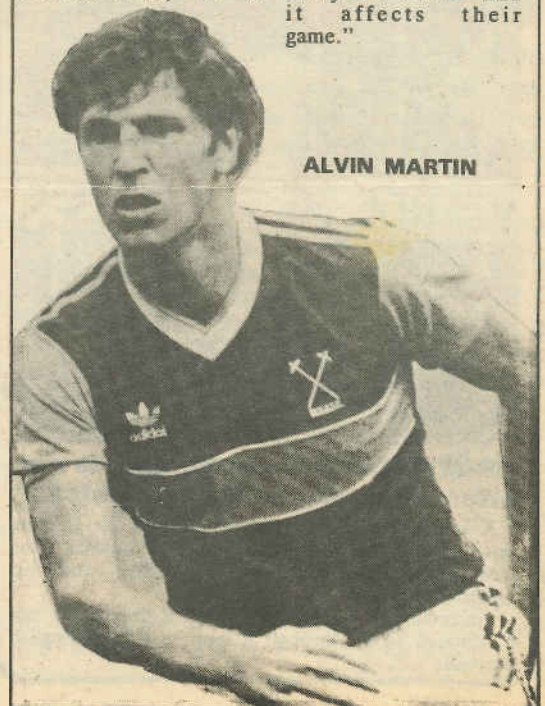
Throw in a few Scots, Irishmen and Welshmen and there is no doubt Great Britain would have taken some stopping in Los Angeles.

WITH skipper Billy Bonds in semi-retirement, West Ham United are trying out several players as captain of the team.

Alvin Martin, English international centre-half, is a

strong tip for the job.

"I want to see how various players handle the captaincy," said manager John Lyall. "Some players relish the responsibility — others find it affects their game."



ALVIN MARTIN



ASA HARTFORD



ROD STEWART shapes up as a Soccer player (main photo), and with pop star friend Elton John (inset).

ELTON FIRST ROD SECOND

POP star Rod Stewart, a confessed Soccer nut, is ready to buy his very own team and at a bargain price, too.

The team is Dumbarton, just promoted to the Scottish Premier Division, and the asking price is only \$80,000.

The company which owns the club has gone into liquidation, hence the move to get the singer to take over.

Stewart has been known to follow Scotland's international team all over the world. He was with them in 1978 at the World Cup in Argentina.

He has always envied his pop star friend Elton John who holds the controlling interest in English club Watford.

Rod Stewart was on a sell-out coast-to-coast USA singing tour when he received the news from Dumbarton.

His agent said Rod was very interested in buying the club.